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Businesses, Chamber against sugar tax

Tang wants weekly schedule of govt payments to Fund

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Joyce Tang, trustee of the NMI Settlement Fund, pushed the fund's interest on lawmakers yesterday requesting government payments be at an equal weekly basis and not "by the end of each quarter" as is now, hinting at an "ask" for legislation to mandate such a payment schedule.

Tang, accompanied by fund lawyers, gave a presentation on the status of the Settlement Fund to senators and representatives yesterday, more than two months after lawmakers passed emergency measures to allow the government to meet unmet pension payments when the Settlement Fund refused to disburse and return funds that the government had reprogrammed because they were "not appropriate" and not an "authorized appropriation."

Tang, during the presentation and later to reporters, emphasized the impact of regular

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NMI Settlement Fund trustee Joyce Tang gets snappy with Sen. Sixto Igisomar (R-Saipan), not in photo, during a Q&A in the House of Representatives chamber yesterday.

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Residents and businesses on island along with the Saipan Chamber of Commerce are against a pending legislation adding taxes on sugar-sweetened beverages and sugar-sweetened concentrates.

» **Tax will negatively impact industry**

» **ABA: Taxes don't make anyone healthier**

A couple of weeks ago, the Senate Committee on Health and Welfare passed House Bill 19-99 HD4, SD1

which seeks to "assess a health impact tax on sugar-sweetened beverages and sugar-sweetened concentrate, for the prevention of non-communi-

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'Dynasty owners in big financial trouble'

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» **Acting general manager Bishop resigns**

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The chairman of a company that co-owns Tinian Dynasty Hotel and Casino has stated that they are in big financial trouble and cannot even hire a lawyer to represent them in the lawsuit filed by over 500

current and former foreign workers.

As this developed, Christopher Bishop has disclosed to the U.S. District Court for the NMI on Wednesday that he resigned as consultant and acting general manager for Tinian Dynasty effective April

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IN WAKE OF MOVES TO UNSEAT DPS CHIEF

Torres warns against misconduct in govt

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The administration of Gov. Ralph DLG Torres has responded to reports of an alleged planned coup, led by former Department of Public Safety commissioner James C. Deleon Guerrero and other police officers, to oust DPS Commissioner Robert A. Guerrero, warning that such misconduct in office would face zero tolerance.

Multiple sources told *Saipan Tribune* that a week before he was arrested on charges of sexual assault of a minor girl, Deleon Guerrero allegedly had a "secret meeting" with some police officers at a Chinese restaurant in Garapan on a plan to unseat current DPS commissioner Guerrero.

The Torres administration, in a statement to *Saipan Tribune* yesterday, said they are "aware of the situation and are looking into the matter."

"Any misconduct or even the appearance of misconduct under the color of office

will not be tolerated," said the governor's spokesman Ivan Blanco.

"In his remarks at the 5th Cycle Customs Cadet graduation acting governor Hocog strongly called on all law enforcement officers to restore public trust and maintain the integrity of law enforcement," Blanco added.



Torres

"DPS Commissioner Guerrero also called on his law enforcement officers to live by their oath to protect the community and uphold the constitution and laws of the United States and the CNMI," he said.

Sources said aside from Deleon Guerrero, five other DPS personnel were in the "secret meeting" at the restaurant near the Garapan basketball court in the evening of April 7.

Sources said it is not clear what issues triggered the "secret meeting" and whether all those in the meeting have agreed to make a move to oust the commissioner.

Investigators from the Attorney General's Investigative Division arrested Deleon

Guerrero and Police Officer 3 Jesse S. Concepcion last Friday and Thursday, respectively, on sexual assault of a

minor charges.

Asked about the ouster issue, Guerrero confirmed that he also received the same in-

formation about the "secret meeting" involving Deleon Guerrero and other officers.

Guerrero said he was off-island when this meeting was going on.

"They waited until I was off-island to do it," the com-

missioner said.

Asked how he learned about the meeting, Guerrero said some officers did the "home-work" for him.

"I have more support here than I actually thought I have," he said.

Small craft advisory cancelled

The CNMI Emergency Operations Center has cancelled the small craft advisory issued Wednesday night, but acting governor Victor B. Hocog advised the general public to continue exercising caution when entering or leaving harbors and inlets.

Based on the information

received from the National Weather Service, Tiyan Guam and compiled by the CNMI Emergency Operations Center, moderate to fresh trades will persist through Thursday night before decreasing Friday. Combined seas of 6 to 8 feet will diminish to between 5 and 7 feet by Monday. (PR)

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Impact Act.”

With the substantial amendments done by the Senate committee including the changes in appropriation, the legislation will now go back to the House.

Since the beginning, the Chamber has opposed the bill introduced by Reps. Felicidad Ogumoro (R-Saipan) and Angel Demapan (R-Saipan).

In a position paper sent to Ogumoro last October, SCC and its Government Relations Committee stated that they are “not in favor” of HB 19-99.

“While a Special Healthcare Impact Account may seem a worthwhile idea, it will not fix the substantial needs of our island’s only hospital. The Chamber urges the government to return to operating the hospital again, and to help subsidize the medical care provided at the hospital for island residents,” SCC said.

A succeeding position paper

last month stressed further that they are “strongly opposed to this bill” adding that it would substantially increase the cost of not only soda drinks, but also carbonated fruit juices, iced teas, and other products.

“We believe that the way to change consumer behavior is to educate, not to penalize. Our island has a significant low-income population and this effect of this bill will take more of their meager income for the cost of everyday needs. These beverages are not the only foods that are unhealthy for consumption. Will other food products also become subject to tax?” SCC said.

“The SCC believes that this bill reaches too far into regulating personal consumption, and hope that the legislators find alternatives that will educate the public on good food choices and on healthier lifestyles,” it added.

The Chamber has forwarded the same position papers to Gov. Ralph DLG Torres last week since they have not received notification regarding further development on

the bill.

MARPAC resident manager Guy Pudney echoes this sentiment saying that they weren’t given enough access to comment on the bill.

“There was a hearing held at the House back in February that nobody knew about not even the Chamber of Commerce. We usually receive all of our notices through the Chamber and then we were prepared to go to the Senate on April 13 because that’s when we heard the hearing would be but it turns out that the Senate reviewed the bill on the 6th instead of the 13th. We weren’t notified that the Senate would hear the bill on the 6th,” Pudney said.

Increase in prices, burdening consumers

Pudney said the bill will negatively impact their business.

“It would pretty much wipe out any Aloha and Royal Mills Ice Coffee business that we currently have. After factoring in the new tax, a can of Aloha would cost a consumer \$1.60 a can from \$0.85 and a can

of Ice Coffee would now cost \$2.00 per can versus what was \$1.15,” Pudney said.

“We see this bill as being too ‘excessive’ as far as wanting to collect \$.04 per ounce or roughly \$11.52 per case in excise tax. That’s not including the \$1.20 per case in container tax and the beautification and gross receipts tax that we have to pay as well,” he added.

Likewise, Bello A. Lumintegar of Western Sales Trading Company says they are not happy with the proposed law as it would affect their non-alcoholic beverages such as Shasta Cola brand, Rockstar, and Xing Tea. Although these types of products just make up a small percentage of their entire line, Lumintegar said it will have an impact on their business.

“The current rate of these kinds of products is at 0.005 cent per fluid ounce and it will add 0.04 cent per fluid ounce. So it will increase to 700 percent. Therefore, if the said proposed bill will become into law, it will have a huge impact on our pricing,” Lumintegar said.

Concerned citizen Glen Hunter, who, several years ago also served as manager of the distributors of Pepsi and Coca-Cola on island, said that the increase for the cost of a can of soda will be “astronomical” should the bill passes.

A 12-ounce can of soda, which can be bought at \$0.17 from a plant, will be taxed at \$0.48 on sugar tax alone as the bill currently proposes \$0.04 per fluid ounce.

This is on top of the existing Soft Drink Tax—a \$0.005 per fluid ounce—which translates roughly to \$0.006 per can, container tax which is \$0.05 per container, and shipping cost which is roughly \$0.15 per can, Hunter said.

“That’s astronomical. Even if you add the tax and the shipping and everything, its almost still double the amount of the new sugar tax,” Hunter said.

Hunter said the sugar-sweetened beverages will be taxed “more than anything in the whole island that’s ever been taxed” and that the Legislature will be “taxing it more than anyone in the world has

taxed SSBs.”

“If you look at it strictly from the principle that this is a legal commodity, this is not a restricted commodity... they’re treating it something worse than alcohol and cigarette,” Hunter said.

“It sets a terrible precedent. It’s just really a terrible way to legislate. What else or what next will they tax on an astronomical level? Will they decide tomorrow to do the same thing to rice, to canned goods? These are contributors to obesity and diabetes,” he added.

The American Beverage Association, an organization, which has members such as Coca-Cola Company and PepsiCo, also stated that the tax is “huge.”

“All this tax does is drive up grocery prices, making it more expensive to live and work in the Northern Mariana Islands,” ABA said, “This beverage tax proposal would be an enormous burden to our local businesses.”

“Adding a new tax on common grocery items like bev-

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30, 2016.

U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona yesterday ordered defendants Hong Kong Entertainment (Overseas) Investments Ltd. and Mega Stars Overseas Ltd., owners of Tinian Dynasty, to appear with counsel for a second status conference in the case on May 24, 2016 at 9am.

Manglona said in the event HKE and Mega Stars appear at the status conference without a legal counsel, then each defendants shall show cause or explain why sanctions should not be imposed, including the possibility of having

their respective answers to the lawsuit stricken.

Manglona issued the order after no lawyer appeared for HKE and Mega Stars during a status conference on Wednesday afternoon.

Bishop appeared on behalf of HKE and Mega Stars at the status conference. He showed to the court a document authorizing him to represent as corporate representative for Mega Stars for the hearing.

The document is a one-page letter of authorization signed by Mr. Chun Chen Wai, chairman of Mega Stars. In that letter, Wai authorized Bishop to be the corporate representative to attend the status conference.

Wai also cited their company’s big financial problem as the reason why they are not

able to hire a lawyer to represent them in this case.

According to the minutes of Wednesday’s hearing, attorney Samuel Mok, counsel for the workers, reviewed the letter of authorization and stated that Bishop was not an officer or a director of Mega Stars.

Bishop told the court that he was not aware if defendants will be hiring a lawyer. He also informed the court that the principal office for Mega Stars Overseas Ltd. is in Hong Kong.

Bishop advised the court that he already submitted his resignation papers and that he would not be accepting the service of documents for Mega Stars.

Mok told the court that attorney G. Anthony Long is

the local registered agent for HKE, while attorney Sean Frink had resigned as the agent for Mega Stars.

Manglona then advised Bishop of the consequences if Mega Stars is not represented in this case.

In a written order issued yesterday, Manglona said corporations cannot appear pro se or without a lawyer in a civil action and must have legal representation.

Manglona said the defendants’ corporate designee, Bishop, is not an attorney and further admitted that he is neither an officer nor a director of HKE and Mega Stars.

The judge noted that Mega Stars does not currently have a registered agent in the CNMI even though a registered agent

is required for all corporations pursuant to CNMI statute.

Manglona said plaintiffs will be prejudiced in their ability to pursue their claims if defendants continue to appear without counsel in this case.

In their lawsuit, Eric F. Dona and co-plaintiffs, through counsel Mok, alleged that the owners and management of Tinian Dynasty lied to them about their immigration legal status.

The plaintiffs alleged that the owners and management of Tinian Dynasty lied that they were legally authorized to work notwithstanding the denial of their CNMI-only Transitional Worker (CW-1) petitions.

The plaintiffs’ amended complaint adds a claim of constructive fraud against HKE

and HKE majority shareholder, Mega Stars Overseas Limited.

Mok asked the court to preliminarily and permanently enjoin the defendants from terminating plaintiffs’ employment or removing their name from an administrative appeal.

The lawyer moved the court to issue a declaration that HKE’s statement that it was legally permissible for the plaintiffs to continue working even though the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services had denied their CW-1 petitions was false.

Mok requested the court to hold HKE and Mega Stars liable to pay the workers damages, court costs, and attorney’s fees.

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payments would have on the “depletion date” of liabilities owed and paid out by the government, which was projected at 2019 yesterday.

“We are not trying to meet that depletion date, we are trying to avoid the depletion date,” she said. “That is the purpose of this presentation. I have confidence that this body, the representatives and the senators, will do the right thing by the retirees and very simply to help us get regular payments and ensure we get regular payments in the course of the year.

“That will go a long way in helping the retirees...pushing out the depletion date,” Tang said. “Just from the responses and reactions of this body, I am confident that they will do that the right thing.”

Still, when asked if she wanted to see this formalized in legislation, Tang said, “That

is up to them.”

“I can’t tell them how to do their jobs but I certainly asking for their help and their support,” she said.

Pressed for a position on Tang’s request yesterday, the administration of Gov. Ralph DLG Torres said they were “open” to discuss such measures.

“I am extremely pleased with the positive partnership we currently have with the Settlement Fund,” said acting governor Victor Hocog in a statement yesterday. “I find that there is room for the Settlement Fund, the Legislature, and the administration to openly discuss measures to ensure the continued propitious payments to our retirees and survivor beneficiaries.

“Governor Torres and I commend Secretary Larissa Larson for ensuring payments are made on time, and I look forward to work with the Legislature and the Settlement Fund Trustee Ms. Joyce Tang on continuing this positive

partnership,” Hocog added.

Testy

All appeared well in the presentation yesterday until Sen. Sixto Igisomar (R-Saipan) aired some concerns of constituents, directing questions to Tang like “how are you spending my money?” “how much are you being paid Ms. Tang?” and expressing concerns that the Fund would up and leave and “disappear” after liabilities owed—over \$700 million when first negotiated—in settlement agreement were paid off the projected depletion date of 2019.

Igisomar, a former board of trustees chair of the Settlement Fund, also expressed yesterday that a lot of the concerns Tang raised yesterday where concerns he had raised to deaf ears of lawmakers.

“I understand your personal view but I don’t think you are accurate,” Tang said, in response. “First of all...there is no finger to point at. We need

to move forward so sitting there complaining about what they could’ve done and what other people have done—is not going to change where we are today.”

“Let’s look at the facts... There is an obligation for the government to pay that money [75 percent] of pensions. If the minimum annual payments are not paid, then there is a judgment that can be executed on. That means we can go after the general fund. That is not the position that the government” or “the Settlement Fund want to do,” she said. “But it protects the retirees. You talk about protecting the retirees—that—is protecting, the ultimate protection. Because the retirees—all these years before the formation of the Settlement Fund—had no guarantees, no consent judgment, no one saying this money has priority. No one coming here and saying look, how can we guarantee payments? So it is better for the retirees.”

Tang challenged Igisomar

to go “take a poll” of the retirees, on the issue and said going forward she was willing to talk to anyone to make sure retirees are protected. “That has always been my goal... Payment? You want to know how much I get paid? It’s audited by the court. The court reviews it. It’s approved. The court takes four to six months to get paid. That’s not normal. I do this because I like what I am doing. I do this because it is the right thing to do. And that’s the only reason why I do this job. I am happy to work with you, but I want to make sure with you that you understand that I will always put the retirees first. I don’t have a political agenda. I don’t have a personal agenda. And I don’t have any money agenda. You want to bring in a million dollar person...go ahead. Go ahead. That money is better spent for funding the retirees’ pension. But go ahead. I don’t know how you’d justify it, but that’s the government’s

money. I want to do my job. I will report to the court. I am always transparent...all of the information is posted on a website. What we get paid, our budget, how much money gets paid to the retirees? What’s going on with the investment? That is all online. Everything. It’s reviewed and approved.”

“Let me make it very clear today: if you have an issue with my doing my job, I am happy to address it but I will tell you this. I will do everything I can to make sure the retirees get paid. I don’t know about this rumor that once you get paid in 2019 or whatever that we are out of here. That is not the case. That’s when the retirees need us the most. To make sure we stay on top of the government and make sure that 100 percent... because they are a hundred percent dependent at that point for funding.”

A longer version of this story is available at www.saipantribune.com

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erages means higher costs at the checkout counter—not to mention higher restaurant, vending machine, and concession stand costs. A tax like that would burden shoppers and businesses alike, putting many jobs at risk and doing untold damage to local businesses like neighborhood grocery stores and convenience stores,” it added.

Layoff workers, close businesses

Pudney went as far saying they would need to lay-off workers should the bill passes and that it will affect the local market.

“If this were to happen we would most likely have to layoff a few workers,” Pudney said.

“What’s going to happen is another ‘Black Market’ will be created. People and businesses would automatically profit by either smuggling in soft drinks and by purchasing from AAFES at \$10 per case and then reselling to local stores. Everyone will still be consuming soft drinks but it would only be soft drinks not purchased from the local market,” he added, “I believe some local jobs would be lost

and the soft drink sales would still be there but just going to a “non-taxed” entity.”

ABA stated Mexico as an example where 1,700 direct jobs were lost in the their soft drink industry and an estimated 7,500 from the industry’s value chain due to their own tax on sugar-sweetened drinks and on certain caloric food products.

“More than 30,000 small Mom & Pop or convenience stores in Mexico closed last year due to this tax and lack of safety and security, resulting in the loss of 50,000 jobs,” ABA said.

Overstep

ABA and the businesses said that a tax alone won’t make people healthier.

“This beverage tax is an overstep: We should be free to make our own food and beverage choices without our government telling us what we should and should not eat,” ABA said.

“A beverage tax will not teach children healthy lifestyles or change anyone’s behavior. The bottom line is that a tax won’t make anyone healthier—it will just make government even bigger. Politicians need to focus on priorities like education, jobs,

and the economy and leave the grocery shopping to us,” it added.

“I don’t think this is the right way. I believe education and exercise would be the right avenue,” Pudney said.

Hunter said the legislation does more to harm than to help as it creates animosity by trying to be a “parent figure” telling the people what to do.

“They’re trying to force people to make healthy choices instead of allowing people to come to those realizations themselves through education, through an organic choice,” Hunter said.

Revisit other taxes

Pudney said the government

should revisit the existing tax on soft drinks where the CNMI has generated more than \$800,000 last year.

“What they should do is go back into that law and reprogram the funding and allocate some of that money toward the hospital and some toward education,” Pudney said.

Citing the Senate committee report which stated that \$6.8 million will be collected on soft drinks alone on the proposed sugar tax and whose amendments focused mainly on appropriations, Hunter said the Legislature was focused on the money the government will be collecting rather than lessening the public’s consumption of SSBs.

“They’re not even taking into account any drop in SSBs,” Hunter said, “I think what has happened is they’re all focused on the dollar that will be generated and losing focus on the end goal which is creating a healthy atmosphere in the CNMI.”

Hunter, who has long voiced the need for the Legislature to tax the casino industry, reiterated that a casino tax would make more revenue than a sugar tax.

Taxing the casino, he said, would generate 10 times in three months what they hope to generate from the sugar tax in a year.

“They’re looking at adding fees to businesses, charges,

adding taxes to legal consumer goods. This Legislature continues to add fees and taxation to the common people and to the businesses to this island while a newly formed industry, the casino industry, which is traditionally highly taxed, is untaxed in the CNMI,” Hunter said.

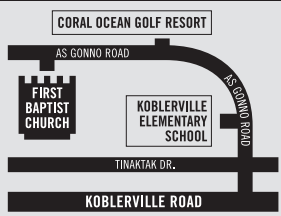
He added that the Legislature is trying to “cover their butts” by using sugar tax as the revenue forecast for next year has only a fractional difference from this year despite the casino coming on board.

“They need to stop sitting on their butts and stop indulging the casino moguls. They need to do what’s right for the people and they need to tax the casino,” Hunter said.

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35 seats up for grabs on Nov. 8 elections

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Thirty-five seats are up for grabs in the coming CNMI general elections on Nov. 8, according to Commonwealth Election Commission acting executive

director Julita Villagomez.

The upcoming polls used to be called mid-term elections, but Villagomez said the commission now calls all polls general elections.

In addition, for the judiciary, Superior Court Associate

Judge Joseph N. Camacho is up for retention election. The judge, however, has yet to announce whether or not he wants to be on the ballot.

Camacho was appointed to the bench in November 2011. His term expires in November 2017.

Under the CNMI Constitution, the question whether justices or judges will be retained shall be put to a vote at a general election immediately before the end of that justice's or judge's initial term of office.

In an interview yesterday,

Villagomez said July 11 is the first day for submission for nominating petitions and candidacy requirements, and Aug. 10 is the last day for such submission.

The top seat for this election is the U.S. Delegate for the U.S. House of Representatives, a position that has been held by Gregorio Kilili Sablan since he was elected in 2008.

Villagomez said the other positions for election are for the Senate, House of Representatives, Municipal Council,

and Board of Education.

For the Senate, there are three seats—one each for Saipan, Tinian, and Rota.

For the House, there are 20 seats—six for Precinct 1; two for Precinct 2; six for Precinct 3; two for Precinct 4; two for Precinct 5; one for Precinct 6 (Tinian); and one for Precinct 7 (Rota).

For Municipal Council, there are nine positions—three each for Saipan, Tinian, and Rota.

For BOE, there are two seats—one for Saipan and one for Rota.

Guam lawmaker's veteran's resolution to be heard in session

GUAM—Senator Frank F. Blas, Jr. is pleased that his resolution to assist veterans seeking medical attention off island has been placed on the agenda for discussion during this week's Legislative Session.

Senator Rory Respicio made a motion this morning to place Resolution No. 302-33(COR) in the Second Reading file. The motion was unanimously approved.

Blas authored Guam Legislative Resolution No. 302-33(COR), "Relative to encouraging the United States Congress to introduce and adopt legislation that would increase compensation for Veterans residing on Guam and other geographically-challenged areas in the Pacific for costs associated with obtaining treatment that is routinely available for all other U.S. Veterans." The resolution

encourages the United States Congress to introduce and adopt legislation that would increase compensation for veterans residing on Guam and other geographically-challenged areas in the Pacific to help address the challenges in traveling to access health services provided or approved by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. The bi-partisan measure was cosponsored by Senators V. Anthony Ada, Thomas C. Ada and Frank Blas Agun Jr.

A public hearing on the resolution was held on Thursday, April 7, 2016 at 5:30 pm in the Legislature's Public Hearing Room. Session began yesterday morning and is expected to continue today.

For more information, please contact Senator Frank F. Blas, Jr., at 687-1483 or via email at frank.blasjr@gmail.com. (PR)



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Conservation officer allowed to post property bond

Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho yesterday allowed Division of Fish and Wildlife conservation officer Alvin K. Fitial to post a bail of \$10,000 in property bond.

Fitial, 51, was arrested last weekend for allegedly taking one of three live endangered green sea turtles that were caught by four fishermen and allowed the group to leave with the two turtles. Three of the four fishermen were also arrested on charges of possession of an endangered/threatened species.

Camacho granted assis-

tant public defender Charity R. Hodson's motion to modify the \$10,000 cash bail and release Fitial to a third party custodian upon posting \$10,000 property bond.

Camacho found Fitial's wife, Antonia Seman Fitial, suitable to serve as third party custodian.

The defendant posted 697 square meters of land as security.

Assistant attorney general Emily Cohen, counsel for the government, agreed with the bail modification and the wife to be third party custodian.

On Wednesday, Camacho allowed Fitial's co-defendant, Vicente Aldan Sablan, 46, to be released on third party cus-

todian upon posting a bail of \$1,000 cash and \$9,000 unsecured bond.

Co-defendants Anthony Pangelinan, 34, and Jeffrey Iguel Teigita, 37, remain in jail.

» DFW official arrested over seizure of 3 live green sea turtles

DFW Conservation Inspector Erwin T. Flores stated in his report that it was Commonwealth

Ports Authority Police Sgt. Vincent Billy who discovered the group of fishermen in possession of three live endangered green sea turtles in a restricted area at Saipan seaport between 8:30pm to 9pm last Feb. 2.

Billy notified police and DFW about his discovery and Fitial responded to the scene. *(Ferdie de la Torre)*

DLNR to suspend DFW officer arrested for alleged possession of green sea turtle

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REPORTER

The Department of Lands and Natural Resources said it is working on the suspension of the conservation officer from the Division of Fish and Wildlife who was arrested on charges of possession of an endangered/threatened species.

Conservation officer Alvin Fitial along with three other suspects were served over the weekend their arrest warrants issued by Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho on charges of possession of an endangered species, in this case, green sea turtles.

"Now that he's been formally indicted, we're now working on his suspension," DLNR Secretary Richard Seman told *Saipan Tribune*.

Seman said Fitial has been with DLNR for at least 15 years before he moved off-island and returned to Saipan last year. He served again at the department.

"At that time we were hiring officers," Seman said.

Seman said he has reached out to Fitial "out of courtesy" and "in trying to inform him of the seriousness of the allegation."

"Unfortunately, we have to do what we have to do. Even though he's one of us we have to make the arrest," Seman said.

However, Seman said he is not sure what happened to the turtle that was allegedly taken by Fitial.

"I am not sure what happened to it," Seman said, "They will be investigating about it so we'll probably know more about it."

The other two turtles, however, were sold on a "personal purchase," according to Seman.

"I'm not sure if they are

already consumed because we didn't recover any of the turtle," Seman said.

A report stated that Fitial allegedly took one of the three green sea turtles caught by fishermen Anthony Pangelinan, Jeffrey Iguel Teigita, Vicente Aldan Sablan, and Richard Anthony Tenorio after he responded to the scene at the Saipan port after receiving a call from Commonwealth Ports Authority police last February.

It stated that when Fitial arrived at the scent and after talking to one of the fishermen, Teigita, who was revealed as Fitial's uncle, Teigita instructed to transfer one turtle from the pickup truck to the DFW vehicle operated by Fitial.

Seman said they "continue to do so" finding the green sea turtle that was said to be taken by Fitial but they will let "justice take care of itself."

Seman said aside from violating local law, those involved may also be punished through the federal law they violated.

"Because it's a federal offense, there's nothing that's stopping the federal from prosecuting them as well," Seman said.

Seman said they need to "engage their officers more frequent and constantly remind them of the need for them to uphold the law entrusted to them and do that more frequent than before."

"Sometimes they lose touch," Seman said.

In the pre-Commonwealth period, turtles are a primary source of protein in the islands. However, this has changed especially after local and federal laws were enacted.

Green sea turtles are listed as an endangered species and their subpopulation in the Mediterranean is listed as critically endangered.

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What do five-time Saipan Marathon champion Mamiko Berger and Olympian Mebrahtom "Meb" Keflezighi have in common besides being long-distance runners?

They are both using Skechers. Mami was on her GO Run Speed 2 when she crossed the finish line of last Saturday's 2016 Saipan Marathon and clinched the women's division crown anew.

Keflezighi, on the other hand, sported the GOmeb Speed 3 when he ruled the famous 2014 Boston Marathon and became the first American to win the event since 1983, beating the heavily favored African runners after posting a personal best time of 2:08:37. The victory in Boston also made the UCLA alumni the only marathoner in history to win the Boston Marathon, the New York Marathon (2009), and an Olympic medal (silver at the 2004 Summer Olympics in Athens, Greece).

Keflezighi played a big part in Berger's decision to start using Skechers athletic performance shoes.

"I am a huge fan of Meb Keflezighi and I want to run like him. That is the reason I converted to Skechers from my previous brand," Berger said.

Berger was one of the more than 20 Saipan runners Skechers sponsored during last Saturday's Saipan Marathon. Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan's Das Krishnan, T Galleria's Ben Babauta, and a group of runners from Kanoa Resort, including half marathon age group champion Ronald Villafria, were the other ones.

Run more, walk more

Krishnan has been participating in Saipan Marathon in the last three years and can be seen walking and running regularly along Beach Road and American Memorial Park. He has three pairs of Skechers shoes, which he has been using in the last three years.

"It's very comfortable and light, even if you're running in the rain, you

would not feel that your wet shoes are holding you down or decreasing your speed. Plus, in my three years of using Skechers, I haven't had blisters or have slipped along the road. Rain or shine, the shoes are still the same," said Krishnan, who at 61 is getting the best running years of his life.

"People at my age are usually very careful when running because we are more prone to injuries so having dependable and right shoes is very important," Krishnan added.

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Babauta wore the GOmeb Speed 3 during last weekend's race and clocked in faster than his 2015 record. He timed in at 5:14:07 in the 2016 edition of the annual event, surpassing the 5:21:00 he registered last year.

"I got my first pair in 2008, however this was my first Skechers performance shoe for my marathon. I love it. It's very light, very comfortable and I am sure one of the reasons I dropped my time versus last year despite the fact that I also did the Guam International Marathon just a week ago (April 10)," said Babauta, who likes the foam sole of GOmeb Speed 3.

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Local chapter of NYMWPS to be launched

The National Youth Movement for the West Philippine Sea (NYMWPS) in partnership with the U.S. Pinoys for Good Governance Marianas Chapter will be launching the NYMWPS Marianas chapter on April 23, 2016, from 2:30pm to 4:30pm at the El Shaddai Chapter Office in Susupe, Saipan, according to Dr. Celia Lamkin, founder and global chairperson of the National Youth Movement for the West Philippine Sea and chairperson of the U.S. Pinoys for Good Governance CNMI, Guam, Hawaii, and American Samoa.

Inspired by the success of the International Essay Contest on the West Philippine Sea, which was initiated and launched by Lamkin in November 2012, and was partici-

pated by more than 300 high school and college students in the Philippines and globally and the need to create more awareness about the West Philippine Sea issues, the National Youth Movement for the West Philippine Sea was founded by Lamkin and was originally launched at the University of the Philippines Los Banos, Laguna, Philippines in partnership with the UP Agribusiness Society on Sept. 28, 2015.

The launching and the first West Philippine Sea forum was a complete success and attended by almost 100 students of UPLB community and other universities and high schools.

Senior Associate Justice Antonio Carpio of the Supreme Court of the Philippines, former Philippine National Secu-

rity adviser and congressman Roilo Golez, military historian and Department of Defense consultant Jose Custodio, Prof. Richard Heydarian, and Department of Foreign Affairs Secretary Alfred del Rosario's representative and veteran journalist Chito Sta. Romana also attended the forum.

The National Youth Movement for the West Philippine Sea has the following goals and objectives.

- To assert the position of the Filipino youth that fully recognizes the indisputable sovereignty and territorial integrity of the Republic of the Philippines over its claims in the West Philippine Sea in conformity with the international law.

- To instill the values of pa-



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Launching of the National Youth Movement for the West Philippine Sea at Pag-Asa Island, Kalayaan (Spratly Islands), Palawan, Philippines.

triotism to the Filipino youth as well as to rekindle their national spirit.

- To effectively educate the youth on the West Philippine Sea and raise awareness on its socioeconomic and political importance to the nation.

- To enable the youth to participate in activities that shall protect the marine resources in the West Philippine Sea as well as to protect the rights and welfare of other sectors in the West Philippine Sea such as those in Pag-Asa Island and other Kalayaan Group of Islands, Palawan and the Scarborough Shoal or Bajo de Masinloc, Masinloc, Zambales.

The National Youth Movement for the West Philippine Sea has chapters in the Philippines (Pag-Asa Island, Kalayaan Group of Islands, Luzon, Visayas, and Mindanao), USA (Maryland, Illinois, Las Vegas, Hawaii, Los Angeles, Florida, Texas), United Kingdom, Ireland, Europe (Rome, Ireland, Malta, Denmark, Netherlands), Ireland, Japan, Saudi Arabia, Jordan, Qatar, Euthopia, Africa, Israel, Australia, New Zealand, American Samoa, Guam and CNMI.

The movement in the Marianas is comprised of several young adults within the community, with Reynafe Aniga as the appointed president of

NYMWPS Marianas both for the CNMI and Guam. Youth who are of Filipino descent ages 13 to 35 are eligible to be regular members and those who are above 35 years old can be an associate member, added Lamkin.

"The battle between China and the Philippines over the West Philippines Sea has been a tumultuous fight, but it is up to us, the youth of today, to let our voices be heard as we protect the sovereignty of our motherland and spread awareness to our fellow countrymen. The launching of this movement is crucial for all Filipinos, so your presence will be well received by all," said Aniga. (PR)



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Philippine field voting starts Monday

The Philippine Consulate is again reminding all registered Filipino absentee voters that field voting on Saipan will begin on Monday, April 25. The four-day field voting will be held from 9am to 5pm at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe.

Filipinos who are residing and working on Tinian and Rota had already cast their votes after receiving them by mail. Overseas absentee voting began in other countries on April 9. Registered voters on Saipan need to bring valid IDs, like passport or driver's

license, to claim their ballots.

"The Commission on Elections announces the adoption of Automated Election System Modified Postal System for purposes of casting overseas absentee votes from April 9 up to 7pm on May 9pm (Philippine time)," said a notice given by the Philippine Consulate.

"Registered voters on Saipan are advised to personally claim their official ballots and then submit accomplished ballots at the designated venue. If they so desire, they may also mail the ballots to the

Philippine Consulate General in Agana Guam."

Special Ballot Reception and Custody Group chair and Consul Mark Francis C.

Hamoy and SBRCG member Cristina C. Yap will oversee the field voting. They will arrive on Saipan on Sunday, April 24.

Philippine Consulate General Marciano R. De Borja is also requesting to extend port courtesies to Hamoy and Yap once they arrive here on Saipan. He is also asking honorary consul Eli Arago to assist them going to the mul-

tipurpose hall.

The Philippine Consulate in Guam had already sent the ballots to Saipan, which is expected to arrive today. It will be delivered to Arago's office in the second floor of the JP Center in Garapan. **(Jon Perez)**

Rotary encourages members to help Maturana

The Rotary Club of Saipan is encouraging all its members who either own a business or are working in companies to assist the sisters at the Maturana House of Prayer in the repairs of their facilities.

A lot of structures at Maturana either need repairs or

total rebuilding with the cost reaching more than \$100,000. The Rotary had previously pledged \$5,000 from the money they raised in some of their fundraising activities.

Rotary vice president Brian Clayton said they have thought of several fundrais-

ing activities, like a bake sale, but the amount would not be enough to cover the expenses. He said that they could donate through the education tax credit program.

Businesses pay taxes every month but could get some form of exemption under ETC. Businesses are allowed to donate a maximum of \$5,000 a year to any institution or school of their choice.

Clayton said members who are business owners could use that tax exemption, while others who are working in various companies could mention it to their bosses.

He added that their next step is to solicit the ETCs from their members and other businesses.

The Northern Marianas Trades Institute will be pro-

viding labor, with the help of the carpentry and construction class of instructor Mike Vargas.

Members of the Mercedarian Missionaries of Bériz are running Maturana, which was among the heavily damaged facilities when Typhoon Soudelor barreled through the island last August. Another reason for the repairs are termites.

Maturana also serves as the retirement home for the nuns and at the same time hosts events and other programs not only for Catholics but also other Christian groups.

The MMB sisters are also baking bread and donuts and making coconut oil and ice cups just to help raise funds for materials and repair of facilities. **(Jon Perez)**

Man arrested for allegedly shattering glass window at hotel where girlfriend works

An intoxicated man went to Paradise Hotel in Garapan where his girlfriend works, then during an argument allegedly broke items in her purse and shattered the hotel's glass window with a punch and kick before dawn Wednesday.

Colin Luzama Kileleman, 27, sustained a 3-inch laceration on his right wrist from punching the window. He was arrested for disturbing the peace and criminal mischief.

At a hearing yesterday, Superior Court Associate Judge Kenneth L. Govendo imposed a \$750 cash bail and set the preliminary hearing for April 26 at 1:30pm.

Police Detective Peter A. Aldan stated in his report that on Wednesday at 3am, Kileleman walked into Paradise Hotel and sat on a chair at the restaurant side.

The girlfriend, who was on duty at the time, walked over to Kileleman's place and asked where he came from. When Kileleman did not reply, she walked back behind the front desk counter.

A few minutes later, Kileleman, who smelled of strong alcoholic beverage, approached the girlfriend and shouted at her about his cellphone.

The girlfriend was about to give the cellphone, but Kileleman went behind the front desk counter. She confronted him for going behind the counter.

Kileleman called her a

"selfish bitch." The girlfriend said she was shocked because it was the first time he called her a bitch.

Embarrassed, she slapped Kileleman and pushed him out of the front desk.

The girlfriend went to the restaurant and asked the security guard to escort Kileleman out of the building.

Kileleman grabbed the girlfriend's purse from behind the counter and started going through its contents.

The girlfriend grabbed the purse. Kileleman then threw the purse on the floor then picked it up. The guard escorted him out.

Outside the building, Kileleman repeatedly forcibly threw the purse on the ground, breaking his own cellphone and his girlfriend's cellphone charger, a perfume, and a lotion.

The guard subdued Kileleman and called 911.

Police said the estimated repair for the hotel's damaged window was \$304.

The girlfriend disclosed it was not the first time that Kileleman damaged property at Paradise Hotel and that she is embarrassed and scared she might lose her job.

The girlfriend said they once checked in at Paradise Hotel, but instead she ended up paying more than \$400 to the hotel after Kileleman got mad at her and broke a table, chair, and door of the room. **(Ferdie de la Torre)**



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"Hafa Adai Tirow" Spirit Island Wear Fridays
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DOD to hold medical, dental services this September

The Tinian Mayor's Office is seeking the community's input to finalize its request to the Department of Defense for the military to provide medical and dental services during their upcoming exercise on Tinian this September.

Residents are encouraged to respond on this public notice with any comments or concerns, and to provide comments as the DoD healthcare, when provided, is not intended

to compete with any commercial entity.

Public notices and advisories are required to comply with the DoD application process and the Tinian Mayor's Office encourages feedback from the community on this matter. Based off of community input, the Tinian Mayor's Office will continue coordinating with the Department of Defense on this event.

Additional information will

be available in the future concerning medical and dental services that will be offered, dates and times of availability, and how to schedule once the application is approved.

Please send responses or queries to Eric San Nicolas at the Tinian Mayor's Office at 670-433-1800/1802 or via email at tinian.gasetan@gmail.com. The deadline to submit responses or queries is Friday, May 6, 2016. **(PR)**

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FIRST AMENDED NOTICE TO BIDDERS

SEALED BIDS for reconditioning of the perimeter fence and widening of Charlie Dock service gate at the Port of Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Project No. CPA-SS-002-15 will be received at the office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, P.O. Box 501055, Saipan, MP, 96950.

All Bids shall be sealed in an envelope and marked on the cover package outside as follows: Port of Saipan Reconditioning of the Perimeter Fence/Widening of Charlie Service Gate, Project No. CPA-SS-002-15 and must be submitted no later than **2:00 p.m. on FRIDAY, MAY 20, 2016** to the Office of the Executive Director at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, at which time and place the sealed Bids will be publicly opened and read. Bidders are requested to submit one original and two copies of its bid proposal.

The Project, in general, consists of, but is not limited to Construction of the **PERIMETER FENCE RECONDITIONING/WIDENING OF CHARLIE SERVICE GATE PROJECT, Project No. CPA-SS-002-15**. The Work involves removing the entire existing chain-link fabric and all accessories and replacing them with new chain-link fabric and accessories. It also includes the removal of the existing Charlie gate and replacing it with a new wider sliding gate all in accordance with the plans and specifications, rules and regulations of all governing agencies. The project is located at the Saipan Seaport, Saipan, Northern Marianas Islands.

A CD-Rom containing the Bid Proposal and Contract Documents, including Drawings and Specifications, may be obtained at the Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, upon payment of **ONE HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$150.00)** for each set of documents in electronic form, including the Bid Schedule. The payment is nonrefundable. Payment shall be made in cash, cashier's check or U.S. Postal money order made payable to the "Commonwealth Ports Authority".

The Project is being financed by funds from Port Security Grants from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. The Contract award, if it is made, will be made within sixty (60) calendar days of the receipt of Bid Proposals. CPA reserves the right to hold such Bids in effect for ninety (90) calendar days from the date of Bid opening.

The Contract period for construction of the Project in its entirety shall be **one hundred fifty (150) calendar days**. Liquidated damages in the amount of **three hundred fifty dollars (\$350.00)** shall be assessed the Contractor for each calendar day completion of the Project is delayed beyond the Contract completion date without approved excuse.

The apparent low bidder may be subject to a thorough and comprehensive review of its qualifications and Bid Documents to ensure that they are "responsive and responsible." This review will include, but is not necessarily limited to previous experience, financial capabilities, quality of equipment and personnel, and bonding and insurance. If the apparent low bidder is found not to be "responsive or responsible," their bid will be rejected and the next lowest bidder will be evaluated for qualifications.

A pre-bid conference will be held at the CPA Seaport Conference Room, George A. Fleming Office Building, Port of Saipan, at **10:00 a.m., Monday, MARCH 28, 2016**, to explain and clarify any questions regarding this project.

Questions should be submitted to the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, in writing, at least fourteen (14) days prior to the bid opening.

An intent to bid form and prequalification statements are required fourteen (14) days prior to bid opening date. Details are provided in the legal provisions section of the specifications.

Each proposal shall be on a form furnished by the Commonwealth Ports Authority. The bidders are required to use the bid schedule form on the CD-Rom. The Commonwealth Ports Authority reserves the right to reject any or all bid proposals submitted for: (a) any of the reasons set forth in this Notice to Bidders; or (b) any of the reasons set forth in the CPA Procurement Rules and Regulations regarding bid rejection or cancellation; or (c) sufficient justification exists that awarding the procurement contract would not be in the best interest of CPA. CPA further reserves the right to waive any defects in said bids if in its sole opinion to do so would be in CPA's best interest.

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All mechanics and laborers for this procurement project shall be paid no less than the minimum wage rate established by the CNMI or the U.S. Secretary of Labor, whichever is higher. A copy of the Department of the Federal Labor Wage Rate Determination is included in Section GP 70-25 of the specifications. The bidder shall take into account minimum wage increases that may be imposed in the CNMI over the life of the Contract and include associated costs in the bid proposal. The EEO requirements, labor provisions, and wage rates are included in the specifications, and bid proposal documents are available for inspection at the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

All bidders shall comply with all Federal requirements under this procurement, including but not limited to Buy American Preference, Foreign Trade Restriction, Davis Bacon, Veteran's Preference, Affirmative Action and Government-wide Debarment and Suspension and Government-wide Requirements for Drug-free Workplace. Further details on all Federal requirements are provided in the specifications.

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Temblors in paradise

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Though the coconut tree wanted to rest, its leaves are pulled in umpteen ways by the trade winds that wanted to pass by. That was the kind of weekend I had—looked forward to calm and peace—yet issues kept popping up looking for critical review.

A friend pointed out nepotism in government that not only mushroomed but blossomed as well. You connect the dots and the domino takes you all the way to the top guns on imperial Capital Hill. It obviates questions that encourage our outlining sets of theories that show their apparent agenda. Thus, their need to place nepotism pillars to guard the imperial Fort Torres-Hocog base.

There's "scandal in the wind"—the arrest of a former DPS commissioner for his alleged role in the sexual molestation of a minor. There's also a plan in incubation to appeal a gun law recently declared unconstitutional. Woe! A personal retreat is a must to remap the course of the NMI over the short and long-term. I can safely say that "trust" in government has eroded to an all time low.

Meanwhile, the quality of life in the villages consistently and persistently deteriorates while Guv. Torres and Senator Arnold Palacios are in American Samoa to attend a flag-day ceremony. Did these guys forget that their workstation is in the islands? What benefits would accrue to the taxpayers who paid for your trip? Let's see how the "solutions driven" team disposes of issues with some semblance of integrity and maturity.

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Commission: This was seconded by a proposal to appoint a commission to review salaries of public officials claiming it hasn't been reviewed for quite some time. Did you forget that salaries and wages for employees in both sectors have been stagnant for over 20 years?

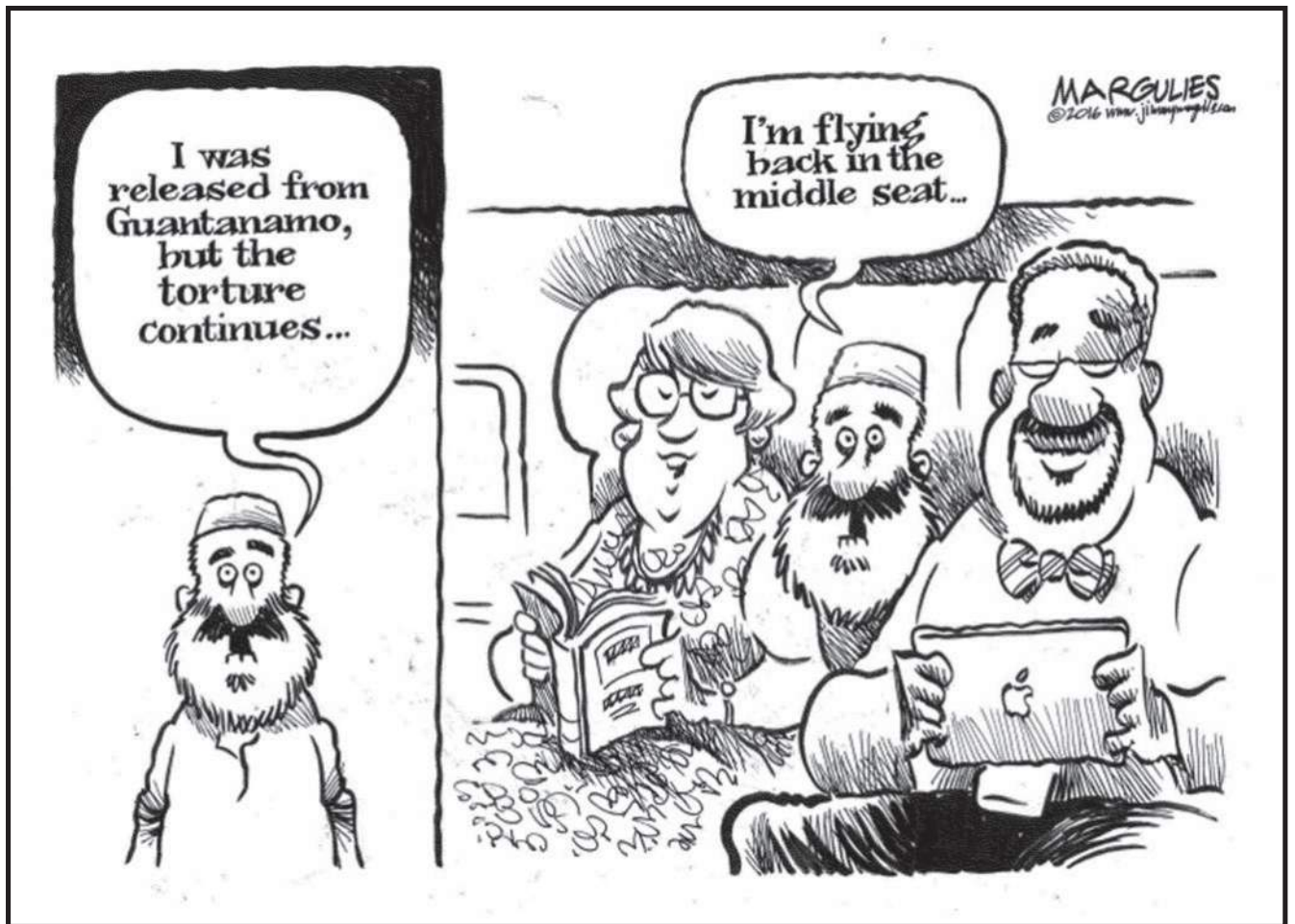
What makes you think you're any different from other employees? Recently, the Senate gave each member \$2,500 per month for expenses without the need for a commission. Halo?

What's the position of senators Arnold Palacios, Sixto Igisomar, and Justo Quitugua? Let's see how these guys justify their existence. The most they could spout is that they didn't have their reading glasses on, really? Are you suffering from bad eyesight too?

Is "initial apprehension" a major deficiency among geniuses on imperial Capital Hill? You want more money while 51 percent of employees are under the federal poverty income level?

Did you know this and have you done anything in stride to improve their calcified income? Did you forget that these

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The Earth

In a burst of heavenly awe, Astronaut Edgar Mitchell exuded in lunarscape: "Suddenly, from behind the rim of the moon, in long slow-motion moments of immense majesty, there emerges a sparkling blue and white jewel, a light, delicate sky blue sphere laced with slowly swirling veils of white, rising gradually like a small pearl in a thick sea of black mystery. It takes more than a moment to fully realize this is Earth ... home."

The Earth is this season's center of attention, though not as viewed from its splendor at the surface of the moon as it is with what we do in heating up its temperature and the consequent drastic climate warming in its biosphere.

The climate took center stage in the 2015 United Nations Climate Change Conference for almost two weeks ending Dec. 12. One-hundred-and-ninety-six nations were in attendance. They adopted an agreement that is only legally binding if a number of nations producing a percentage of global greenhouse emission actually do something through their legal systems, which is to say, a lot of barks without much bite.

The United States through its executive office is often a leading party to an international agreement only to be denied muscle by the U.S. Congress, e.g., it refused to ratify a treaty on biodiversity. The numbers in international agreements guide national targets adhered to by nations that are already poor because of their compliance but ignored by the big guys that emits them. A good example is COPS 21 (on biodiversity).

Mei mei is a cute little girl's nickname used in China. Mei is also the black mineral that is dug in Dong Bei, and the coal in Shanxi west of Beijing where 90 percent of the land allegedly is black gold. The increase on investment in China on manufacturing was due to the low cost of coal energy that devastated China's countryside and biosphere.

Attempts to stifle the economic progress of China focused on its use of coal as its energy source. China does not have extensive fossil fuel source to rely on though its assertive occupation of the Spratlys moves in that direction and is severely criticized by the U.S. and its business interests in Vietnam, the Philippines, and Taiwan. The United States can fly all kinds of B-52 over island structures that China built but the new economic superpower is not going to budge, as the immediate issue of South China Sea is energy source rather than sovereignty, which China considers historically to be a closed issue. Besides, the place is not called China Sea for nothing!

The United States' current use of coal at its most efficient level emits carbon 130 times what the Paris Conference aims for it to do if the nations across the planet attains economic parity to the U.S. in 100 years. This is illusion of the worst kind. The Summit's intentions were worst than a mirage in the desert. It lacks operational basis.

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Special to the Saipan Tribune

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Meanwhile, the planet reels as water from melting ice in the Arctic and Antarctic regions continue to add more fluid into the ocean, making it heavier to effect the tremors that dislodges plates, which then causes half of the land areas of the Pacific islands disappear at the same time it induces stronger quakes and a change in weather patterns in many parts of the globe. Not a lively prospect especially since we do not operate as a globe yet but do so as the archaic leftover nation-states from the divisions imposed by colonizing powers of the previous century.

Mitchell was perhaps prescient in his pronouncement. A less polite quote: "From out there on the Moon, international politics look so petty. You want to grab a politician by the scruff of the neck and drag him a quarter of a million miles out and say, 'Look at that, you sonnavabitch.'" Apologies to the sons amongst us who heard their teacher do math and said: "2 plus 2, the sum of which is 4." As my Sino tintera would say, the sum of which and sonnavabitch, same same.

If our Apollo 14 astronaut is distraught over our treatment of the planet, his use of the SOB word is on the charitable side. The Obama administration refuses to extract coal on federal land and met opposition. The corporate sector is aghast at this executive act. The Supreme Court intervened on their behalf.

I made a supplementary workbook for my class using the Mitchell picture on the cover. Students just added the word "earthrise" into their vocabulary. A paradigm shift is corroding the defining fealty once held on political structures the Europeans named, like Spain on Señor Felipe's behalf (thus, the Philippines) during the medieval and colonial eras, and unwittingly inherited by the U.S. military in its post-WWII presence in the rest of the world, but now simply a fragile blue orb in the sky.

"We live in the Universe. On the Planet Earth," they sing. "We look for life in the sky so blue, down on Marianas for something new, we look at the world we have on our hands. Oh, what shall we do?" Then they whisper to each other at the end: "We're gonna build it."

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‘For your happy, for your peaceful’

The age of the keyboard certainly hasn’t spared Saipan, and every inhabitable nook of the Earth now lives in the shadow of QWERTY. I spend my share of time there, too. I am, however, not willing to give up the world of pen and paper. In fact, the more I see the side effects of a screen-based life on people, the more I appreciate the simple world of writing by hand.

The handwriting club doesn’t appear to have many members left standing. I’m therefore grateful that the Japanese share my penchant for paper. Most of my favorite pens, pencils, and notebooks come from Japanese companies. I hope the Japanese will always be able to serve this realm, since it must be an ever-shrinking niche in our cyber age.

Meanwhile, the world turns, and the news cycle turns with it. Let’s consider some news stories. An Aug. 30, 2014 article on the Psychology Today website (“Handwritten Notes Lead to Better Learning”) cites a study that says that students who take handwritten notes learn the material better than students who type their notes on computers.

I’ve seen several references to this notion, although I don’t know if they’re rooted in the same study or in a number of studies. I won’t sweat the distinction, though, since I was buying the concept before it was on the table for discussion. For one thing, most of my classroom time involved equations, graphs, and diagrams, which are easy and natural to write by hand, but strike me as troublesome on computers.

And even in the world of words and not numbers, I’ve found that handwriting is an effective way to digest and organize incoming information, instead of merely recording it with a keyboard.

Yeah, in the computer world, there are fancy ways to address input issues with more refined technology, and there are certainly some ways that I haven’t been exposed to. I’ll still maintain, though, that ink-on-paper has never let me down. It never crashed, never froze, never ran out of batteries, never broke, never became unreadable because it was orphaned by new software, never weighed more than a few ounces, and was never a tempting target for a thief to take.

The news always has a front-burner story about health woes pertaining to the chronic use of high-tech devices. I’m not alarmist about it, since just about anything, no matter how benign, can be overdone. Still, I think that most people would agree that being hunched over an electronic gimcrack all the time is very unnatural, be it a keyboard device or a smartphone.

We don’t have to cherry pick a story here. We’ll just land the latest one to come over the transom. An April 20 article in the (U.K.) Telegraph (“From Text Neck to Blackberry Thumb: the surprising injuries inflicted by your smartphone”) cites various problems that can afflict smartphone users. These include eye problems (including children going cross-eyed), and problems with thumbs, fingers, elbows, hands, and necks.

My guess, tendered from a beach chair and not a laboratory, is that the allure of smartphones probably has a common element with the allure of normal-sized computers. Although the specific health consequences of overuse might be different, the proclivity for overuse exists in both realms. Those glowing screens are irresistible candy for many eyeballs out there. By contrast, as unglamorous as ink-on-paper is, I don’t think I’ve ever seen anyone get addicted to it.

Of course, life is seldom an either/or proposition. Even those of us who can be found composing prose by hand can often be found re-typing the fare into a computer at some point. The end point might be the same, but the path getting there is not. Composing by hand usually demands a more structured approach to outlines, which are frequently diagrammed with triangles and rectangles. Yeah, that’s old school, but it can come in handy, especially when writing stuff like advertising copy, which takes a lot of work and a lot of hammering to come across as effortless and natural.

Further contemplating the paper medium, I’ll note that Japanese notebooks come in all sorts of sizes and designs, and they

We do have a water crisis—but lack of federal money is not the problem

Newly released data prove what CUC customers already know: Water service on Saipan is getting worse, not better.

U.S. EPA Regional Administrator Jared Blumenfeld sent me the data, collected by the CNMI Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality, showing that only 73 percent of families are getting 24-hour water, down from a high of 94 percent.

This is not the result of Typhoon Soudelor. BECQ reports the drop in water service started back in 2013.

And it is not because there is a lack of federal funding, as some public officials are saying. In fact, we are getting seven times more federal water funding every year than when I came into office.

Achieving 24-hour water for Saipan is one of my top priorities. Only 60 percent of Saipan households had round-the-clock water in 2008. So I got federal funding increased from about \$1 million to over \$7 million per year. And 24-hour water service

searching for the back door confused over your fiduciary roles. One more “biba” isn’t going to help you either!

Irony: The “equal protection clause” inherent under the Thirteenth Amendment of the U.S. Constitution supposedly guarantees all citizens “equality” under the law. Somehow, the principle skips citizens from any and all U.S. territories. Do you wonder why?

Furthermore, equal representation in the U.S. Congress is another law that fails citizens. Senator Elizabeth Warren calls the unusual arrangement rendered citizens outside of the fifty states “absurd”. Is there a way out of this inconsistency and most importantly, inequality?

For all the noise about culture and tradition one wonders if we mean what we say and say what we mean or is it just another spout to sound suspiciously relevant and dangerously intelligent. It’s words versus action. There doesn’t seem to be any conviction behind it. Proof?

The perpetuation of our peoplehood now solely rests on our lingo. That our kids speak English from morning to sunset hardly conversant in their own language is the perfect recipe in the

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can have some quirky charm.

For example, the notebook in which I’m composing these very words came with the following phrase, in English, embossed on the cover: “For your happy, for your peaceful, I can start one new day with you.”

Hey, some things are just so good they can’t be improved. That sentence is one of them.

So I’ll just toss these words into the QWERTY hopper now, and we’ll call it a day.

By GREGORIO KILILI CAMACHO SABLAN

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jumped to 94 percent within five years.

Counting the money we appropriated in Congress this December, the CNMI will have received \$58 million for water improvements during my eight years in office. If ratepayers had to come up with that money, the bill would have been, on average, an additional \$500 every year for every CUC customer. The federal funds I got in Congress saved us from paying another CUC surcharge.

As soon as I got the new data from Mr. Blumenfeld, I wrote to Governor Torres to learn what the issues are and what more I could do. And I met with the Governor, too.

It is not an easy problem to solve. The system is old and crumbling. One thing gets fixed, another falls apart.

But money is not the problem. And I will keep working to bring in those millions of extra dollars to keep rates down and to help the Governor get us back to where we were a few years ago: round-the-clock water for 94 percent of Saipan families—and eventually to 24-hour water for all.

eventual loss of what’s left of culture and tradition. Cultural extinction is our next pit stop just to shake hands and our last adios.

Joint Defense: My friend Magoo agrees with The Donald that Japan, South Korea, the Philippines, and other allied countries in the Asian region should help pay more of the cost of joint defense. He said that Japan shouldn’t hold onto its pacifist posture when the balance of power is being disrupted by China. He’s alluding to the Senkaku Islands.

Obama isn’t a believer of “kaboom” diplomacy preferring that we talk rationally to radical Islamist murderers determined to annihilate our existence! Well, my reaction won’t be civil but a natural animal instinct of kill or be killed when an intruder enters my residence in the wee hours of the morning. No room for talk stories, braddah!

And so out the window goes deteriorated relationships with allied countries, a woefully weak security system for fellow citizens while Obama massages his Muslim upbringing not to mention the near-total weakening of our defense system. It seems Obama has succeeded in his socialistic agenda as the silent messiah of Muslims. Never again, sir!

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employees are people too? Appalling how self-interest has gone ahead of the common good for the people you’ve chosen to ignore! Seesuzzzz!

Infrastructure: The emplacement of basic infrastructure of water, power, sewer, and roads opens up opportunities for investments to gravitate to the new development venue. Without it, nothing moves be it here or anywhere in nearby Asian countries.


But such a plan should come from the central government. The prevailing helter-skelter method only delays planned projects now waiting in hangars. To employ legislative scolding sessions of agencies is itself a violation of the separation of powers. A one-stop shop for permits is solely the purview of the administration not the leysleche!

About the only time the Legislature could intervene is via an oversight hearing on matters involving open violation of laws or blossoming corruption. It’s good to understand the concept of separate but equal branches of government. Otherwise, you’d be

The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian


TODAY



Partly cloudy with isolated light showers. East winds 10 to 20 mph.

▲88° ▼76°


SATURDAY



Mostly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 10 to 20 mph.

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SUNDAY



Mostly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 10 to 20 mph.

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MONDAY



Partly cloudy with a slight chance of light showers.

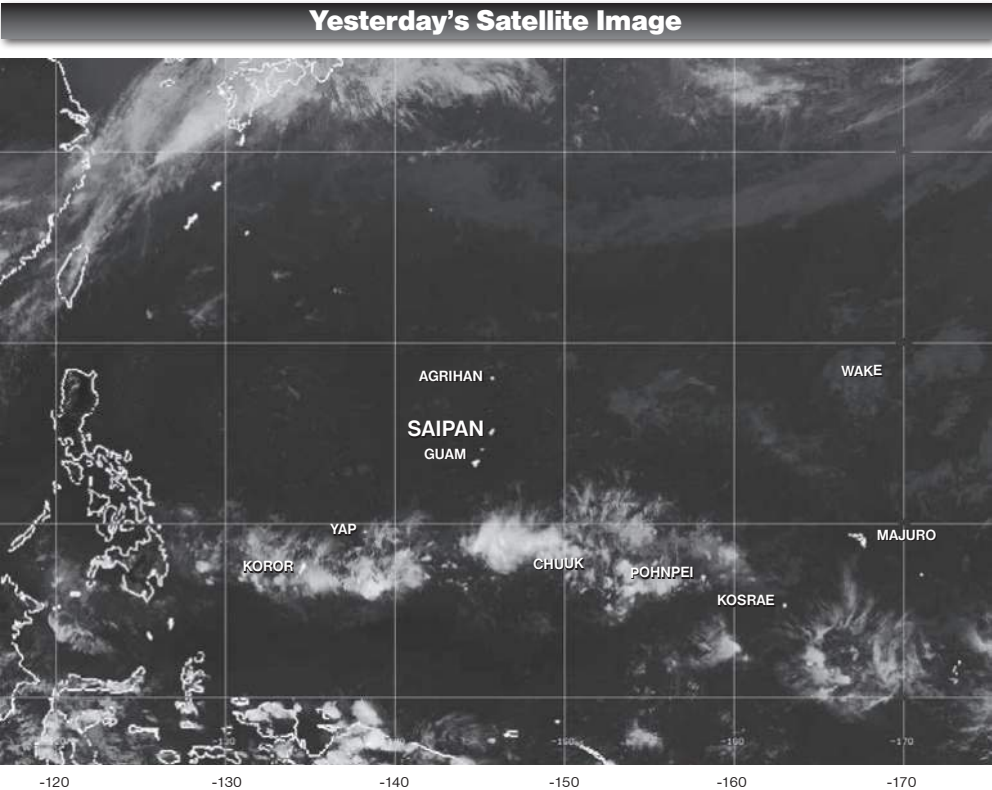
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TUESDAY



Partly cloudy with a slight chance of light showers.

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PICTURE TIME: 1:00 PM, THURSDAY, APRIL 21, 2016
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A broad band of trade-wind convergence is generating scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms from Koror eastward to Pohnpei between 5N and 10N from 130E to 162E. A near-equatorial trough extends eastward from 2N166E to near EQ180. Scattered showers and a few thunderstorms are seen southeast of Kosrae and south of Majuro between the equator and 4N from 165E to the date line.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

Micronesia			
Guam And Rota	Partly Cloudy	▲ 87	▼ 78
Palau	Thunderstorms	▲ 88	▼ 78
Yap	Thunderstorms	▲ 90	▼ 78
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	▲ 85	▼ 80
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	▲ 85	▼ 80
Kosrae	Partly Cloudy	▲ 85	▼ 80
Majuro	Mostly Sunny	▲ 84	▼ 79

Around the Globe			
Auckland	Partly Cloudy	▲ 69	▼ 57
Beijing	Sunny	▲ 77	▼ 47
Hong Kong	Thundershowers	▲ 80	▼ 74
Honolulu	Partlly Cloudy	▲ 83	▼ 70
London	Showers	▲ 52	▼ 40
Los Angeles	Mostly Sunny	▲ 81	▼ 56
Manila	Mostly Sunny	▲ 98	▼ 78
Melbourne	Mostly Cloudy	▲ 62	▼ 54
Miami	Partly Cloudy	▲ 83	▼ 71
New York	Thundershowers	▲ 79	▼ 58
Osaka	Partly Cloudy	▲ 73	▼ 59
Paris	Rain	▲ 60	▼ 49
Pusan	Mostly Sunny	▲ 72	▼ 51
Rome	Showers	▲ 68	▼ 58
Salem	Partly Cloudy	▲ 74	▼ 52
San Francisco	Cloudy	▲ 67	▼ 56
Seoul	Partly Cloudy	▲ 68	▼ 42
Tokyo	Mostly Sunny	▲ 80	▼ 59
Washington, DC	Cloudy	▲ 79	▼ 58



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Tides			
Saipan Harbor			
2:57 AM	Today	Low Tide:	0.7 Feet
8:29 AM	Today	High Tide:	1.8 Feet
3:17 PM	Today	Low Tide:	0.1 Feet
9:32 PM	Today	High Tide:	1.8 Feet

Sunrise/Sunset		
Today	5:59 AM	6:33 PM
Saturday	5:58 AM	6:33 PM
Sunday	5:57 AM	6:33 PM
Monday	5:57 AM	6:33 PM
Tuesday	5:56 AM	6:34 PM

Moonrise/Moonset		
Today	6:37 PM	5:55 AM
Saturday	7:25 PM	6:34 AM
Sunday	8:13 PM	7:16 AM
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FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF APRIL 21, 2016											
DEPARTURES						ARRIVALS					
SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)						GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN					
UA2924	4:15am	5:05am	Daily			UA2923	2:45am	3:35am	Daily		
UA2922	8:40am	9:30am	Daily			UA2925	7:15am	8:05am	Daily		
UA2921	1:30pm	3:10pm	1, 4, 5, 7 via Rota			UA2921	12:10pm	1:00pm	1, 4, 5, 7		
UA2920	2:20pm	3:10pm	2, 3, 6			UA2920	12:10pm	1:50pm	2, 3, 6 via Rota		
UA2928	6:05pm	6:55pm	Daily			UA2927	4:45pm	5:35pm	Daily		
UA2926	9:50pm	10:40pm	Daily			UA2929	8:30pm	9:20pm	Daily		
SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP)						GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)					
UA2921	1:30pm	2:05pm	1, 4, 5, 7			UA2920	12:10pm	12:45pm	2, 3, 6		
ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)						ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN					
UA2921	2:35pm	3:10pm	1, 4, 5, 7			UA2920	1:15pm	1:50pm	2, 3, 6		
SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)						NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN					
DL297	4:20pm	7:05pm	1, 3, 5, 6, 7			DL298	10:30am	3:05pm	1, 3, 5, 6, 7		
SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)						SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN					
OZ626	2:20am	6:00am	1			7C3402	10:10am	3:30pm	Daily		
OZ626	2:50am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7			OZ625	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7		
7C3403	4:35am	8:30am	Daily			OZ625	8:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6		
7C3401	4:30pm	8:25pm	Daily			7C3404	10:10pm	3:30am+1	Daily		
SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)						BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN					
OZ608	3:10am	6:20am	4, 7			OZ607	9:05pm	1:55am+1	3, 6		
SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)						SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN					
3U8648	6:10am	8:40am	1, 4, 5, 7			3U8647	10:40pm	5:00am+1	3, 4, 6, 7		
SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)						BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN					
MU764	1:30am	6:35am	3, 5, 7			MU763	4:40pm	12:30am+1	2, 4, 6		
SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)						GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN					
3U8646	4:20am	7:30am	2, 6			3U8645	7:40pm	3:00am+1	1, 5		
SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)						MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN					
OZ626/701	2:20am	11:05am	1 via ICN			UA190/2927	9:55am	5:35pm	2, 3, 6, 7 via GUM		
OZ626/701	2:50am	11:05am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN			UA190/2929	9:55am	9:20pm	2, 3, 6, 7 via GUM		
UA2924/191	4:15am	8:55am	2, 3, 6, 7 via GUM			OZ702/625	12:15pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN		
UA2924/PR111	4:15am	9:15am	Daily via GUM			OZ702/625	12:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN		
UA2922/183	8:40am	8:50pm	2, 5 via GUM			PR110/UA2925	10:05pm	8:05am+1	Daily via GUM		
UA2922/193	8:40am	10:35pm	2, 5 via GUM-ROR			UA192/2925	9:45pm	8:05am+1	2, 5 via ROR-GUM		
UA2921/183	1:30pm	8:50pm	5 via Rota-GUM			UA192/2920	9:45pm	1:50pm+1	2, 5 via ROR-GUM-Rota		
UA2921/193	1:30pm	10:35pm	5 via Rota-GUM-ROR			UA192/2927	9:45pm	5:35pm+1	2, 5 via ROR-GUM		
UA2921/191	1:30pm	8:55am+1	1, 5 via Rota-GUM			UA192/2929	9:45pm	9:20pm+1	2, 5 via ROR-GUM		
UA2920/183	2:20pm	8:50pm	2 via GUM			UA184/2925	11:30pm	8:05am+1	2, 5 via GUM		
UA2920/193	2:20pm	10:35pm	2 via GUM-ROR			UA184/2920	11:30pm	1:50pm+1	2, 5 via GUM-Rota		
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UA2928/191	6:05pm	8:55am+1	1, 2, 5, 6 via GUM			UA184/2929	11:30pm	9:20pm+1	2, 5 via GUM		
UA2926/191	9:50pm	8:55am+1	1, 2, 5, 6 via GUM								
SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)						HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN					
OZ626/721	2:20am	11:50am	1 via ICN			OZ722/625	1:10pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN		
OZ626/721	2:50am	11:50am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN			OZ722/625	1:10pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN		
UA2922/159	8:40am	9:55pm	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM			UA116/2925	9:55pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM		
UA2921/159	1:30pm	9:55pm	1, 5 via Rota-GUM			UA116/2921	9:55pm	1:00pm+1	3, 6 via GUM		
UA2920/159	2:20pm	9:55pm	3, 6 via GUM			UA116/2920	9:55pm	1:50pm+1	1, 5 via GUM-Rota		
						UA116/2927	9:55pm	5:35pm+1	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM		
						UA116/2929	9:55pm	9:20pm+1	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM		

LEGEND: Days: Monday (1), Tuesday (2), Wednesday (3), Thursday (4), Friday (5), Saturday (6) and Sunday (7); 3U: Sichuan Airlines; MU: China Eastern; UA: United Airlines; DL: Delta Airlines; OZ: Asiana; 7C: Jeju AirETA: Estimated Time of Departure;ETA: Estimated Time of Arrival. The Saipan Tribune is not responsible for any changes in the schedule.)

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6:30AM	6:45AM	Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
7:30AM	7:45AM	Daily	7:00AM	7:15AM	Daily	7:45AM	8:15AM	Mon, Tues,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat	8:30AM	9:00AM	Mon, Tues,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat
8:30AM	8:45AM	Daily	8:00AM	8:15AM	Daily	4:00PM	4:30PM	Mon, Tues,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat			
9:30AM	9:45AM	Daily	9:00AM	9:15AM	Daily						
10:30AM	10:45AM	Daily	10:00AM	10:15AM	Daily						
11:30AM	11:45AM	Daily	11:00AM	11:15AM	Daily						
12:30NN	12:45NN	Daily	12:00NN	12:15NN	Daily						
1:30PM	1:45PM	Daily	1:00PM	1:15PM	Daily						
2:30PM	2:45PM	Daily	2:00PM	2:15PM	Daily						
3:30PM	3:45PM	Daily	3:00PM	3:15PM	Daily						
4:30PM	4:45PM	Daily	4:00PM	4:15PM	Daily						
5:30PM	5:45PM	Daily	5:00PM	5:15PM	Daily						

Flying the not-so-friendly skies: What are your air passenger rights and how do you enforce them?

Part 3: Lost, delayed, or damaged baggage

In this three-part series we've discussed cancellations and delays, and overbooking and passenger bumping; now we turn to passenger rights related to delayed, lost, and damaged baggage.

Many of us have experienced it, and we all harbor fears that it'll happen to us: You arrive at your final destination, and begin impatiently staring down—the suitcases and boxes as they churn out on to the conveyor belt. Then, the dreaded happens: the near-bare belt stops circulating and the baggage chute shoots no more, before your suitcase makes an appearance. It hits you: your suitcase did not arrive at your destination. What are your rights?

For domestic flights, airlines are liable for a minimum

of \$3,500 per passenger for (provable) direct and consequential damages caused by lost, damaged, or delayed baggage (or other personal property). (International flights are subject to the Montreal Convention, which sets the maximum baggage liability at 1,131 SDR (currently, this converts to \$1,596).) Airlines must provide passengers with written notice of any monetary limit on its baggage liability.

If your baggage does not arrive with you at your destination, immediately report it to airline personnel before you leave the airport. Additionally, you should (1) ask the airline to create a report and provide you with a copy, (2) get a contact number to follow up on your baggage, (3) find out what expenses are reimbursable, (4) keep all of your receipts, and (5) inquire whether

you are eligible for money for emergency purchases. Be sure to follow up with a written claim and include a demand for any damages suffered as a result of the delayed baggage along with copies of receipts. If your baggage never arrives—that is, if it's lost—you must submit another, more detailed claim that includes the contents of your lost baggage. (Note: airlines generally won't reimburse you for damage to perishable items resulting from delay, but they may cover costs if it's permanently lost).

For damaged baggage, if your suitcase or its contents are damaged in transit, immediately report it before leaving the airport. If you discover damage after leaving the airport, contact the airline and make a report as soon as you can. Follow up with a certified written letter and/or any forms required by the airline.

Airlines may not automatically pay out the value of your claim, so be prepared to negotiate with the airline regarding the extent of your damages and

CONSUMER CORNER

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value of your items. When seeking damages be sure to note any special circumstances or sentimental reasons that make the mishandling of your baggage particularly burdensome. For example, in one case, a delay in baggage arrival caused passengers to miss a wedding—

the intended purpose of their trip—and the passengers sought damages for mental distress and inconvenience. Do not, however, exaggerate your claim. Receipts and well-kept records are difficult to refute and provide you with good bargaining

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Bravo for passing sugar tax

The Senate should be commended for passing a tax on sugar-sweetened beverages in an effort to support health in the CNMI. The senators are right to put the target on sugary drinks because overwhelming scientific evidence directly links sugary drinks to the diabetes epidemic.

They note that sugar-sweetened beverages are the single-biggest source of added sugar in Americans' diets, while offering no nutritional value. The senators also point out the high rates of dialysis from diabetes in the CNMI.

There is good evidence that soda taxes will likely decrease consumption and the higher the tax, the greater the decrease. The proposed tax is an important step to reduce the large burden of cost, suffering, and death due to diabetes in the CNMI. It will incentivize a shift toward lower sugar beverages, while the proceeds support efforts to improve community health and children's education.

We applaud this effort and urge citizens to make their voices heard in support of the measure.

Jim Krieger, MD, MPH
Executive director
Healthy Food America

**PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY
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**REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL
RFP: RFP16-OVR-101**

SUBMISSION DATE: MAY 24, 2016 TIME: 10:00 A.M.

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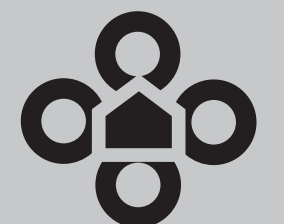
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Office of the Executive Director

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
CUC-RFP-16-007

LEASE OF OFFICE SPACE
(CUC ROTA)

The Office of the Executive Director for the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC), is soliciting competitive sealed proposals from individuals or firms for the lease of office space for CUC Administration and Operation in Rota, CNMI.

The proposed office space must conform to American Disabilities Act (ADA), OSHA and CNMI Zoning regulation.

The RFP package may be obtained at the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays, upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section (Saipan, Tinian or Rota), by cash, check or credit card in the amount of \$20.00 for one RFP package set. The RFP package will be provided in a CD or emailed to the registered Proponents email ID. Prospective Proposers for this RFP must pre-register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division to be considered.

A pre-proposal conference is scheduled for 2:00 PM (ChST) on April 15, 2016 at the CUC Rota Administration Office in Sinapalo Village, Rota.

One (1) original and Five (5) hard copies must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked “CUC RFP -16-007, Lease of Office Space (CUC Rota)” to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, **no later than 10:00 AM (ChST) on May 10, 2016.**

Proponents are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the Proponent due to lack of information or understanding of the proposal requirements in the course of Proponent’s preparation of a proposal under the contract.

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Selection procedure shall be in full compliance with CUC Procurement Regulations. CUC reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and waive any imperfection in the proposal in the best interest of the government. All proposals shall become the property of CUC.

Questions or requests for clarification will be entertained only from registered Proponents and must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 a.m. (ChST) on April 18, 2016** to Manny B. Sablan, CUC Purchasing Officer via email address manny.sablan@cucgov.org.

/s/ GARY CAMACHO
Acting Executive Director

/s/ MANNY B. SABLAN
Purchasing Officer

Quantity horrible care at CHC

On April 11, 2016, my father made a 911 call because my mother’s blood sugar reading was very low at 39. Despite giving her carbs and sugar, it was still not rising. The Fire and EMS both responded to my house. There were four men that were gathered at our porch.

I wish I could tell you who they were, but they had no identification, no badges, no name tags. The only thing they had in common was they were all wearing the same designed T-shirts and the same low-cut hairdo. I was informed that the low reading might be due to an equipment malfunction or low battery. They repeatedly stated that. I then asked “Well, where’s your equipment so you can check to see what it reads on your machine?” One of them stated, “Oh, sorry we lost ours about 2-3 days ago and we keep asking for a re-

placement and we still haven’t received it.”

What? You respond to a 911 call regarding low blood sugar readings and you have no glucometer? What in the world is happening to our healthcare? The hospital care is horrific and now even the responding EMS team is ill-equipped? Sure, they checked her BP and O2 Sats but is that what they were primarily called to attend to? By the time my mom got to the ER her CBG was 31. She was given a shot of glucose and brought it up to 114. It was checked again an hour later and it went back down to 79. I was then told by the ER nurse, your mom needs to eat soup, bread, and drink some juice. OK, well where is it? Why are you not bringing what she needs? He said “You can buy some downstairs.” What? Excuse me? I have

never in my life been to an ER and was told to go provide your own stuff to bring your own mother’s blood sugar level up. My mother was discharged without waiting to see if her numbers would go back up. I have now been to the CHC ER twice during my visit to Saipan, first for my brother then for my mother and each time was a horrendous experience! I hope our EMS team gets their equipment replaced. Are there not any quality assurance checks being done to ensure the ambulance is ready to go fully equipped? Someone dropped the ball and who do you think suffers because of it? And who does quality assurance checks on CHC? There is no quality there just a quantity of horrible care.

Caroline Aldan
Via email

BAGGAGE

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power.

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■ Please note that these are

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Commonwealth Utilities Corporation
Office of the Executive Director

INVITATION FOR BIDS
CUC-IFB-16-012

SUPPLY & DELIVERY OF POWER DISTRIBUTION ANNUAL MATERIALS

The Office of the Executive Director for the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation is soliciting competitive sealed bids from qualified vendors for the Supply and Delivery of Power Distribution Annual Materials for Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

Prospective Bidders for this IFB must pre-register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division. The IFB package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of **\$80.00** for one IFB package set.

CUC may award a contract to more than one firm for the materials, based on bids for “Commodity Groups.”

One (1) Original Hard Copy must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked “CUC-IFB-16-012, Supply & Delivery of Power Distribution Annual Materials, Saipan, CNMI” to CUC Procurement & Supply Division, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Dandan, Saipan MP 96950, **no later than 10:00 a.m. (ChST) on May 19, 2016**, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Bids mailed via postal or courier service must be received on or before due date and time. Bid shall be submitted on the provided Bid Forms. Bids will be required to be submitted under a condition of irrevocability for a period of 60 days after submission. Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered. A copy of the entire submission is also required to be sent by email to CUC Procurement & Supply Division via email address cucprocurement@cucgov.org or alternately include a CD with the copy of the submission.

A Bid Guarantee of fifteen (15%) percent of the total bid price must accompany the bids. The security deposit may be in cash, certified check, cashier’s check, or bid bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. A *Payment Bond* of one hundred (100%) percent and a *Performance Bond* of one hundred (100%) percent of the total bid price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidders. The Payment and Performance bond must be executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

All insurers’ questions, concerns and qualification shall be handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI’s Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). *Bidders are required to submit a clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI’s Insurance Code.*

Bidders are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the bidders due to lack of information or understanding of the bid requirements in the course of Contractor’s preparation of a bid under the contract. Bidders are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations. All responses to this Invitation for Bids should take into account any and all taxes, including excise tax, which will become the obligation of the bidder, awarded a contract.



This Invitation for Bids does not commit CUC to the award of a contract or contracts, nor to pay any cost incurred in the preparation and submission of bids in anticipation of a contract. The award of a contract(s) is contingent upon the Commonwealth Public Utilities Commission and the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation, Board of Director’s approval. The contract(s) will not be executed by CUC until such approval is provided.

Questions or requests for clarification will be entertained only from registered bidders and must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on May 2, 2016** to Manny B. Sablan, CUC Purchasing Officer, via email address manny.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to Joseph Crisostimo, CUC Power Division, Purchasing Technician via email joseph.crisostimo@cucgov.org

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all bids for any reason and waive any defects in said bid proposal, if in its sole opinion, to do so would be in the best interest of CUC. All bids shall become the property of CUC.

/s/ GARY CAMACHO
Acting Executive Director

/s/ MANNY B. SABLAN
Purchasing Officer



Commonwealth Utilities Corporation
Office of the Executive Director

INVITATION FOR BIDS
CUC-IFB-16-010

TINIAN WATER SYSTEM PRESSURE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed bids from qualified firms for the installation of pressure reducing stations and installation of 10-in PVC Waterline Project in Tinian, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

This work consists of the installation of approximately 1400 linear feet of 10-inch PVC water line complete with necessary valves and fittings, the relocation and replacement of two existing pressure reducing valves (PRV’s), the installation of a new PRV, and several reconfigurations of the existing water system.

CUC requires the Project to be completed in **240 calendar days** from date of award of contract.

This project is funded by a grant from the United States of Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA). The award of this project is contingent upon receipt of the approval for project award from USEPA.

Prospective Bidders must pre-register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division. The Bid Package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays, upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of \$100.00 (non-refundable) for one IFB package set.

A Pre-Bid Conference is scheduled on **April 21, 2016 at 10:00 AM (ChST)** at the CUC Main Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Room No.15, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building.

One (1) Original and Five (5) Hard Copies must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked “CUC-IFB-16-010, Tinian Water System Pressure Improvements Project” to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on May 12, 2016**, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered. Bid shall be submitted on the provided Bid Forms. Bidders are required to complete all Bid Forms. Bidders may supplement the form as appropriate. Bids will be required to be submitted under a condition of irrevocability for a period of 60 days after submission.

All bidders are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the bidders due to lack of information or understanding of the bid requirements in the course of Contractor’s preparation of a bid under the contract.

A Bid Guarantee of fifteen (15%) percent of the total bid price must accompany the bids. The security deposit may be in cash, certified check, cashier’s check, or bid bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. A *Payment Bond* of one hundred (100%) percent and a *Performance Bond* of one hundred (100%) percent of the total bid price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidders. The Payment and Performance bond must be executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

All insurers’ questions, concerns and qualification shall be handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI’s Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). *Bidders are required to submit a clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI’s Insurance Code.*

Bidders are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations.

Questions or requests for clarification will be entertained only from registered Proponents and must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 a.m. (ChST) on April 22, 2016** to Manny B. Sablan, CUC Purchasing Officer via email address manny.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to Marcela Tenorio, CUC P&S, Administrative Support Assistant – marcela.tenorio@cucgov.org.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all bids and waive any imperfection in the bid proposal in the best interest of the government. All bids shall become the property of CUC.

/s/ GARY CAMACHO
Acting Executive Director

/s/ MANNY B. SABLAN
Purchasing Officer

Youth Congress passes quarantine bill

HAGATNA, Guam—The 30th Guam Youth Congress convened for regular session on April 16, 2016 and discussed and passed a bill clarifying that concrete and solid metal walls are acceptable perimeter fencing for a commercial quarantine facility.

Bill No. 30-30, introduced by Speaker Alcairo, is an act to amend § 3226(h)(2) of Article 2, Division 1, Chapter 3 of Title 9, Guam Administrative Rules and Regulations.

The Guam Youth Congress will be forwarding this bill, along with other passed bills, to the Rules Committee of the 33rd Guam Legislature for action as with a legislative bill, in accordance with § 7102 of Chapter 7, Title 2 Guam Code Annotated. The Committee on Rules of the Guam Legislature was scheduled to meet last Wednesday.

GES kindergarten student registration ongoing

Registration of kindergarten students for school year 2016-2017 at Garapan Elementary School began last Wednesday, April 20.

The registration times are from 8am to 4pm at the GES library.

New students registration for grades 1 to 6, meanwhile, will begin on June 13, 2016.

The requirements for registration include the following:

- Birth certificate
- School Entrance Health Certificate from CHC or a private clinic (If you have an appointment slip please provide the school with a copy showing the appointment date)
- Copy of updated Health Insurance (Medicaid, Moylan's, Traders, Aetna, Staywell, etc.)
- Map to residence (please be aware of the zoning policy).
- GES also reminded parents and guardians of the following:
- Child must be 5 years old to enter kindergarten by Sept.

Speaker Alcairo stated that the Senators of the 33rd Guam Legislature have been more than optimistic at hearing what the youth of Guam have to say about the future direction of our island. "There have been some hurdles that the Guam Youth Congress has had to face administratively, procedurally, and financially, but I'm optimistic that we can continue to move the Guam Youth Congress forward and return this body to the prominence it once held just a few short years ago."

The Guam Legislature has indirectly entertained bills from the Guam Youth Congress in the form of bills introduced in the Guam Legislature. Among these bills from the Guam Legislature are Bills No. 4-33, 119-33, and 279-33, which are reflective of Guam Youth Congress Bills No.

30, 2016. Dates of birth must be on or before Sept. 30, 2011.

■ Child must be 6 years old to enter first grade by Sept. 30, 2016. Dates of birth must be before Sept. 30, 2010.

GES Zoning include the villages and areas of the following:

- Garapan
- Navy Hill
- China Town
- Beach Road (up to Marianas Eye Institute)
- Gualo Rai (Northern side-MARPAC side of the street and not southside of Gualo Rai—pass the traffic light and other side of MARPAC).

■ Puerto Rico (Not areas pass Shell Gas Station Puerto Rico)

GES reminded parents and guardians that a student's registration will not be entertained without all required documents. All documents must be updated!

For more information, call GES at 237-3341/2/3/5. **(PR)**

Military training at W-517 on April 25-28

The CNMI Emergency Operations Center, in conjunction with U.S. Naval Forces Marianas (N3) Guam, would like to inform the general public that the U.S. Military Unit will be conducting military exercises at Area W-517 Irregular Poly-Gon South of Guam from April 25 to 28, 12pm to 10am.

The general location of this activity will be at Area W-517 Irregular Poly-Gon South of Guam comprising southwest into international waters.

Due to the danger imposed by these activities, acting governor Victor B. Hocog is

2-30, 15-30, and 13-30, respectively. Members are positive that their voices will be heard and that their bills will be introduced in the Guam Legislature, in accordance with Guam law.

In addition to Bill No. 30-30, among the first set of bills to be forwarded to the Guam Legislature are the following:

■ Bill No. 3-30, introduced by Representative Quinene, is an act to amend § 6102 of

Article 1, Chapter 6, Division 2 of Title 17 of the Guam Code Annotated, relative to the change of the compulsory attendance age range of for the children of Guam.

■ Bill No. 4-30, introduced by Speaker Alcairo, is an act to prioritize the youth of Guam by appropriately funding the Guam Youth Congress.

■ Bill No. 9-30, introduced by Speaker Alcairo and Representative Casila, is an act to

amend § 2303 of Chapter 3, Title 17 Guam Code Annotated, relative to ensuring a majority is met when validating acts of the Island-wide Board of Governing Students.

■ Bill No. 11-30, introduced by Speaker Alcairo and Representative Lujan, is an act to amend § 14104 of Chapter 14, Title 2, Guam Code Annotated, relative to the composition of the Guam Trademark Commission.

■ Bill No. 14-30, introduced by Representative Santos, Representative Arce,

and Representative Rosario, is an act to add a Chapter 14 to Division 2, Title 17, Guam Code Annotated, in order to encourage active participation in clubs and organizations to assist future student opportunities, to help ease the burden many students face with balancing grades and their organizations, and to create a time frame in which students can work towards achieving goals of their club more efficiently by creating a curriculum for clubs to be counted as an elective credit. **(PR)**

MARIANAS PUBLIC LAND TRUST REQUEST FOR QUALIFIED PROPOSALS – SHIP-IV FOUR HOUSES IN SAIPAN AND TWO HOUSES ON SINAPALO, ROTA

The Marianas Public Land Trust (MPLT) announces this request for qualified proposals for the following:

1) Two-story 5 Bedroom Concrete House in Kannat Tabla, Saipan - 1 unit



MPLT SHIP 003
2-story / 5-Bedroom / 3-bath Concrete House
Septic tank system
Good Condition **Appraised Value \$156,000.00**
Kannat Tabla
Special Condition: Open to all qualified Northern Marianas Descent.

2) Two-story 4 Bedroom Concrete House located in Kagman, Saipan - 1 unit



MPLT SHIP 013
2-story / 4-Bedroom / 2-bath Concrete House
Septic tank system
Fair Condition **Appraised Value \$73,000.00**
Kagman II
Special Condition: Open to all qualified Northern Marianas Descent.

3) 2 Bedroom Concrete House in Kagman, Saipan - 1 unit



MPLT SHIP 014
2-Bedroom / 1-bath Concrete House
Septic tank system
Good Condition **Appraised Value \$38,000.00**
Kagman III
Special Condition: Open to all qualified first-time homeowner & Northern Marianas Descent.

4) Two-story 4 Bedroom Concrete House Sinapalo, Rota - 1 unit



MPLT SHIP 015
2-story / 4-Bedroom / 3-bath Concrete House
Septic tank system
Good Condition **Appraised Value \$50,000.00**
Sinapalo, Subdivision
Special Condition: Open to all qualified Northern Marianas Descent.

5) 2 Bedroom Concrete House located in Sinapalo, Rota 1- unit



MPLT SHIP 016
2-Bedroom / 1-bath Concrete House
Septic tank system
Good Condition **Appraised Value \$35,000.00**
Sinapalo, Rota
Special Condition: Open to all qualified Northern Marianas Descent.

6) 1 Bedroom Concrete Houses located in Kagman Saipan - 1 unit



MPLT SHIP 017
1 Bedroom 1-bath Concrete House
Septic tank system
Good Condition **Appraised Value \$48,000.00**
Kagman III
Special Condition: Open to all qualified first-time homeowner & Northern Marianas Descent.

MPLT Resolution 10-10-A2 establishes the Supplemental Home Investment Program (SHIP), under the program, MPLT offers these acquired homes in its inventory to qualified persons. The three significant qualification requirements include the following: 1) the homes are offered at the minimum appraised value; 2) each proposer is credit-worthy for debt-service for the amount of the appraised value of the home; and 3) the proposer is certified as qualified under the CNMI Homestead Program with the CNMI Department of Public Lands, Homestead Division.

The interest rate is 2% per annum fixed under the program.

Notice is given to all proposers that there are no warranties of any kind as to any of the homes under the SHIP program. Homes are presented for proposals "as is and where is" without warranties as to habitability, suitability or fitness for purpose. It is the responsibility of each interested proposer to inspect or commission an inspection of the property.

In this announcement MPLT solicits qualified proposals for the acquired houses listed above. They are not subject to the right of redemption. Below is a photograph and short description of each home as well as the minimum appraised value. Interested proposers may pick up the application packets at the MPLT Office at House No. 1222, Capital Hill; or with the MPLT Loan Administrator (Bank of Saipan) in Chalan Kanoa or at www.mplt.gov.mp

The deadline for submission of proposals for any of the houses is **Friday, April 29, 2016 at 4:00PM.**

MPLT hereby reserves the right to cancel, modify or reject this RFP and any proposals should the Trustees determine that doing so is in the best interest of the Trust.

MCS students accepted into JSA program

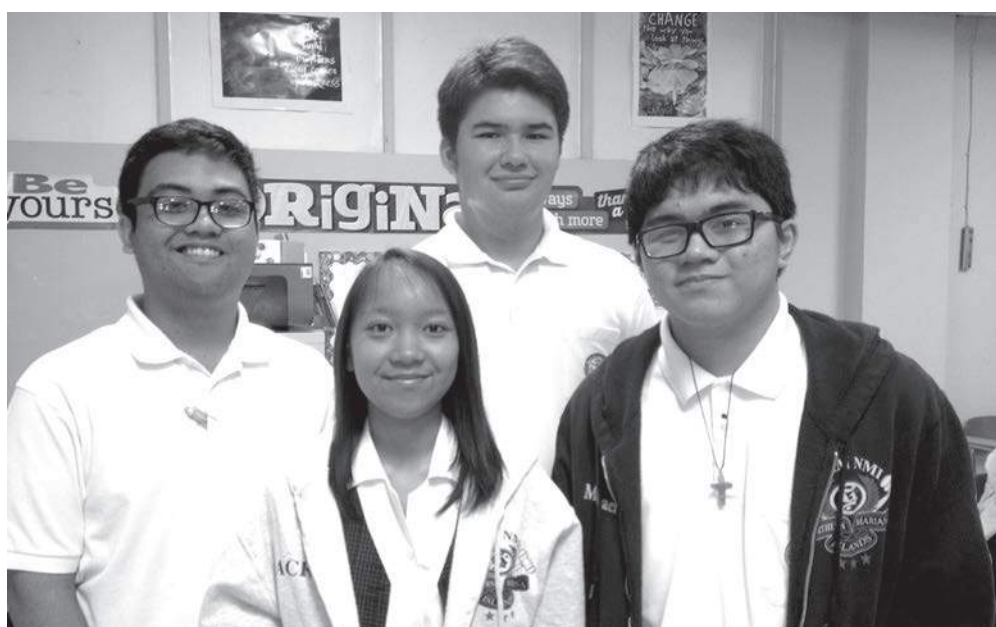
Four Mount Carmel School students were recently accepted to attend Junior State of America programs this summer, including two students who received full scholarships.

Jaqueline Doctor, Michael Ortizo, Joshua Santos, and Nathaniel Snodgrass were all

» Two receive full scholarships

accepted to attend, with Doctor and Ortizo earning full scholarships to their respective programs. The four students, all juniors, applied earlier in the year under the supervision of their faculty representative John Del Rosario, a veteran of the JSA program himself.

The Junior State of America is a program that brings high school students to top universities in the U.S.—like Stanford, Princeton, and Georgetown—to take college-level courses relating to politics, from AP Government to speech to macroeconomics. Successful completion of courses typically translates to college credits for students. The program is also an opportunity for students to network with and learn from other like-minded students with interests in pol-



From left, Mount Carmel School Knights Joshua Santos, Jaqueline Doctor, Nathaniel Snodgrass, and Michael Ortizo were recently selected for the Junior Statesmen of America program for this summer.

itics and government.

Doctor was accepted to attend the program at Princeton University. Doctor said she joined as a way to develop her knowledge of politics and leadership skills. "I want to grow as a person and I feel this is out of my comfort zone," she said.

Ortizo, who won a full scholarship, was well aware of the field of other applicants throughout the island. "I thought they were pretty

slim," he said of his chances of being awarded one of four full scholarships to the program. He was pleasantly surprised to find out he won.

Santos' interest in politics started through the political satire of comedians like Jon Stewart and Stephen Colbert. He has been able to find further interest in politics by seeing the inherent politics in his own interests. Santos, an avid video gamer, wrote his qualifying political essay on the

violence in video games. "You may think it's insignificant because it's just video games, but the attitudes toward violent video games hold a deeper meaning to what the press and politicians tell you about how you're allowed to have fun," Santos said.

Snodgrass' looks to grow in his love of politics, a love that started by simply reading the paper with his grandfather as a kid. "I would always be at my grandpa's house, so I would

read the paper and gain interest in the issues," Snodgrass said.

Snodgrass and Santos both have started raising funds for their trips.

Doctor and Ortizo follow in the footsteps of their older siblings, Hazel Doctor and Ryan Ortizo (both AlumKnights

of '10). The younger siblings were accepted into the exact same programs that their older siblings attended in 2009.

The four MCS students will join about 10 others from across the CNMI who were also accepted to various JSA programs this summer. (PR)

Court: Overseas Pinoys can resume election campaigning

MANILA, Philippines—The Philippine Supreme Court en banc has declared that Filipinos overseas can resume campaigning abroad for their candidates, except in the vicinity of Philippine Embassies and Consulates where actual voting takes place.

Loida Nicolas Lewis together with the Ateneo Human Rights Center filed on Monday, April 18, 2016, a suit against the unconstitutional prohibition on political campaigning abroad during the election period being enforced by the Commission on Elections (Comelec) under the Overseas Absentee Voting Act.

Upon learning of the TRO, Lewis issued a statement saying, "Thanks be to God and to the Justices of the Supreme

Court! Filipinos abroad can now campaign without fear. Bravo to Ateneo Human Rights Center lead by Atty. Ray Paolo Santiago! They burned the midnight oil to finish the legal papers over the weekend. A big win for Filipinos Overseas!" Lewis heads both the US Pinoys for Good Governance (USPGG) and the Global Filipino Diaspora Council (GDDP).

Nicolas Lewis has been personally campaigning for good governance and the Roxas-Robredo tandem and presented in over 25 cities in the US, Europe and Asia.

For media inquiries: Carissa Villacorta/Carissa.villacorta@gmail.com/0917-595-5480 and Pauline Mangosing/Pauline.mangosing@gmail.com/0998-867-2088. (PR)



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ANNOUNCEMENT

The CNMI WIC (Women, Infants and Children) Program is now accepting Vendor Application for the Capitol Hill geographical areas on Saipan.

Interested vendors may pick up an application at the main office located on Upper Navy Hill Building #N-25, starting April 20, 2016 through April 29, 2016 (Monday to Friday) or request for an application via email at fabianu@cnmiwic.org.

Applications must be submitted to the CNMI WIC Program Office no later than 4:00 p.m., April 29, 2016.

Prospective applicants are encouraged to carefully read through the information provided to ensure minimum qualifications are met.

Inquiries and technical questions may be directed to the Vendor Management Coordinator, Fabian M. Ulloa at (670) 664-4066, by email at fabianu@cnmiwic.org or facsimile at (670) 664-4069.

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/s/ Esther L. Muna
Chief Executive Officer
Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation

/s/ Erin Angela Camacho
WIC Program Administrator
CNMI WIC Program



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PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

The CNMI WIC (Women, Infants and Children) Program would like to inform WIC participants of Capitol Hill, Talafofo, I'denne, and As Teo that Sara Market II is no longer an authorized WIC vendor.

Participants living in these area are encouraged to shop at either Joeten Kagman Market in Kagman or I-Mart in Tanapag for the closest access to your WIC food benefits.

The CNMI WIC Program is working on authorizing a vendor on Capitol Hill so that they can continue to provide participants living in these areas easier access to your WIC food benefits.

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/s/ Esther L. Muna
Chief Executive Officer
Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation

/s/ Erin Angela Camacho
WIC Program Administrator
CNMI WIC Program

Team Faiye to join MMAC for 2nd straight year

Team Faiye will join this year's Marianas March Against Cancer, which is the second straight year the group will join the Commonwealth Cancer Association's signature event.

"We decided to form a team and join MMAC last year when we lost a loved one to cancer two years ago. We wanted to help support those who are still fighting the disease and honor those we have lost," said Team Faiye captain Keiko Shiprit.

Family and friends will once again compose Team Faiye. Shiprit said the team has invited everyone to come



Team Faiye members pose for a group. The team will again take part in this year's Marianas March Against Cancer.

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and join them.

"Our theme for this year's event will be a surprise. Our favorite part of the event is the tug of war. It's not only fun but also challenging. We advise the community to come and help spread awareness," said Shiprit.

Shiprit added that at MMAC you not only spend some quality time with friends and family, but you also support a great cause. "The 2016 Marianas March Against Cancer, Team Faiye is excited and ready." (PR)

Salazar, Janairo are McDonald's employees of the quarter

McDonald's Saipan has named Jason Salazar and Rosalyn Janairo as its employees for the first quarter of 2016.

Female employee of the quarter Janairo works at the main restaurant of the McDonald's and has been with the company since April 15, 2015.

Male employee of the quarter Salazar, meanwhile, works at the Garapan branch of the fast-food restaurant and has been a McDonald's employee since Aug. 13, 2013.

"We are acknowledging the hard work of the two em-



Salazar



Janairo

ployees. Both of them have been doing an outstanding job. They are chosen to be the employee of the first quarter for 2016. Both of them are currently attending college at Northern Marianas College and works in the evening at McDonald's," said McDonald's in a statement.

Salazar and Janairo will now be a candidate for McDonald's Employee of the Year for 2016.

"Congratulations to the both of them and keep up the good work!" said McDonald's management. (PR)

Tinian Dynasty to open for San Jose Fiesta

As Tinian gears up for the annual San Jose Fiesta from April 29, 2016 to May 1, 2016, Tinian Dynasty Hotel would like to inform the general public that its hotel will be open on April 28, 2016 for the fiesta weekend.

The hotel rate will be \$99 plus tax. For reservations, call 328-2233.

Mayor Joey P. San Nicolas and the Tinian leadership would like to extend their appreciation to Tinian Dynasty for providing hotel accommodations to our visitors during this year's annual San Jose Fiesta. (PR)



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REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATION STATEMENTS FOR CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT SERVICES

BENJAMIN TAISACAN MANGLONA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT ARFF BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT AIP No. 3-69-0003-23/XX

The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) is soliciting statements of professional qualifications from interested firms to perform construction management (CM) services for various improvements to the ARFF Station at the Benjamin Taisacan Manglona International Airport, AIP No. 3-69-0003-23/XX, Rota, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The project is being funded by the U.S. Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). This project is in accordance with CPA's Procurement Rules and Regulations and procedures shall be in full compliance with Section 40-50-202 Architect-Engineer Design and Construction Management Services.

The Scope of Work (SOW) includes overall construction management services for the duration of the project. Details are available at CPA's Office of the Executive Director, 2nd floor of the arrival terminal. No fee is required for obtaining the proposal package.

Questions regarding this request for qualification (RFQ) statements must be submitted to Ms. Wendi L. Prater, Executive Assistant, in writing via hand delivery to the CPA Administration Office, via fax to (670) 664-3533 and/or emailed to wprater@cpa.gov.mp or cpa.engr@pticom.com by no later than Friday, April 22, 2016, 4:30 p.m., local time.

At a minimum, the statements of professional qualification will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

1. Overall CM experience in the Pacific area and especially in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands – 30 points;
2. CM experience related to airport fire stations funded in whole or in part by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA); – 30 points;
3. Level of proficiency in performing CM services promptly; and level of experience with the FAA regulations and requirements and AIP grants – 15 points;
4. The general reputation of the firm in terms of quality of CM work experience, firm's ability to perform the services and the firm's professional integrity and competence – 15 points; and
5. Resumes of key personnel including current licenses and registrations of principal, if applicable – 10 points.

Interested Consultants shall submit one (1) original, four (4) copies and one (1) electronic version in .pdf on a compact disc of their statements of professional qualifications no later than **4:30 p.m., FRIDAY, MAY 6, 2016**. Statements of qualification must be presented by a combination of both brochures and the use of current U.S. Government Standard Form 330.

Discussions may be conducted with at least three (3) of the firms regarding the agreement requirements and technical approach and selection made there from, in order of preference, of no less than three (3) firms determined to be the most highly qualified to perform the services required.

An agreement shall be negotiated with the highest qualified construction management firm or company at a price determined to be fair and reasonable to the government. If a fair and reasonable price cannot be negotiated with the highest ranking qualified firm, then additional firms may be selected in order of competence and qualifications and negotiations continued until a fair and reasonable price is agreed upon.

All responses to this RFQ shall take into account any and all taxes that will be charged to the consultant awarded an agreement for this project, including excise tax.

The CPA reserves the right to reject any or all statements of professional qualification for any reason, if in its sole opinion to do so would be in its best interest.

Send information to: Ms. MaryAnn Q. Lizama
Executive Director
Commonwealth Ports Authority
P.O. Box 501055
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For the Commonwealth Ports Authority

/s/ JOSE R. LIFOIFOI
Board Chairman/Contracting Officer

Date: April 7, 2016



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FIRST AMENDED NOTICE TO BIDDERS

SEALED BIDS for reconditioning of the perimeter fence and widening of Charlie Dock service gate at the Port of Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Project No. CPA-SS-002-15 will be received at the office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, P.O. Box 501055, Saipan, MP, 96950.

All Bids shall be sealed in an envelope and marked on the cover package outside as follows: Port of Saipan Reconditioning of the Perimeter Fence/Widening of Charlie Service Gate, Project No. CPA-SS-002-15 and must be submitted no later than **2:00 p.m. on FRIDAY, MAY 20, 2016** to the Office of the Executive Director at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, at which time and place the sealed Bids will be publicly opened and read. Bidders are requested to submit one original and two copies of its bid proposal.

The Project, in general, consists of, but is not limited to Construction of the **PERIMETER FENCE RECONDITIONING/WIDENING OF CHARLIE SERVICE GATE PROJECT, Project No. CPA-SS-002-15**. The Work involves removing the entire existing chain-link fabric and all accessories and replacing them with new chain-link fabric and accessories. It also includes the removal of the existing Charlie gate and replacing it with a new wider sliding gate all in accordance with the plans and specifications, rules and regulations of all governing agencies. The project is located at the Saipan Seaport, Saipan, Northern Marianas Islands.

A CD-Rom containing the Bid Proposal and Contract Documents, including Drawings and Specifications, may be obtained at the Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, upon payment of **ONE HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$150.00)** for each set of documents in electronic form, including the Bid Schedule. The payment is nonrefundable. Payment shall be made in cash, cashier's check or U.S. Postal money order made payable to the "Commonwealth Ports Authority".

The Project is being financed by funds from Port Security Grants from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. The Contract award, if it is made, will be made within sixty (60) calendar days of the receipt of Bid Proposals. CPA reserves the right to hold such Bids in effect for ninety (90) calendar days from the date of Bid opening.

The Contract period for construction of the Project in its entirety shall be **one hundred fifty (150) calendar days**. Liquidated damages in the amount of **three hundred fifty dollars (\$350.00)** shall be assessed the Contractor for each calendar day completion of the Project is delayed beyond the Contract completion date without approved excuse.

The apparent low bidder may be subject to a thorough and comprehensive review of its qualifications and Bid Documents to ensure that they are "responsive and responsible." This review will include, but is not necessarily limited to previous experience, financial capabilities, quality of equipment and personnel, and bonding and insurance. If the apparent low bidder is found not to be "responsive or responsible", their bid will be rejected and the next lowest bidder will be evaluated for qualifications.

A pre-bid conference will be held at the CPA Seaport Conference Room, George A. Fleming Office Building, Port of Saipan, at **10:00 a.m., Monday, MARCH 28, 2016**, to explain and clarify any questions regarding this project.

Questions should be submitted to the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, in writing, at least fourteen (14) days prior to the bid opening.

An intent to bid form and prequalification statements are required fourteen (14) days prior to bid opening date. Details are provided in the legal provisions section of the specifications.

Each proposal shall be on a form furnished by the Commonwealth Ports Authority. The bidders are required to use the bid schedule form on the CD-Rom. The Commonwealth Ports Authority reserves the right to reject any or all bid proposals submitted for: (a) any of the reasons set forth in this Notice to Bidders; or (b) any of the reasons set forth in the CPA Procurement Rules and Regulations regarding bid rejection or cancellation; or (c) sufficient justification exists that awarding the procurement contract would not be in the best interest of CPA. CPA further reserves the right to waive any defects in said bids if in its sole opinion to do so would be in CPA's best interest.

Each bid shall be accompanied by either a bid bond by U.S. Treasury listed or CPA approved surety company, a certified check, or a cashier's check in the amount not less than **TEN PERCENT (10%)** of the bid price. Checks shall be made payable to the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

All mechanics and laborers for this procurement project shall be paid no less than the minimum wage rate established by the CNMI or the U.S. Secretary of Labor, whichever is higher. A copy of the Department of the Federal Labor Wage Rate Determination is included in Section GP 70-25 of the specifications. The bidder shall take into account minimum wage increases that may be imposed in the CNMI over the life of the Contract and include associated costs in the bid proposal. The EEO requirements, labor provisions, and wage rates are included in the specifications, and bid proposal documents are available for inspection at the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

All bidders shall comply with all Federal requirements under this procurement, including but not limited to Buy American Preference, Foreign Trade Restriction, Davis Bacon, Veteran's Preference, Affirmative Action and Government-wide Debarment and Suspension and Government-wide Requirements for Drug-free Workplace. Further details on all Federal requirements are provided in the specifications.

FOR THE COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY:

/s/ JOSE R. LIFOIFOI
Chairman of the Board/Contracting Officer

Date: April 14, 2016



DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC LANDS COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

RFP16 – RED002

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: May 20, 2016

“LEASE AND DEVELOPMENT OF PUBLIC PROPERTY IN TANAPAG, SAIPAN”

Governor Ralph DLG. Torres and Lt. Governor Victor B. Hocog, through the Department of Public Lands (DPL), are soliciting sealed proposals from interested and qualified companies or individuals for the purpose of leasing and commercial development of the following public land:

- Lot No. 002 B 24, containing an area approximately 1,500 square meters, more or less, in Tanapag, Saipan, Northern Marianas Islands, as is.

The RFP instruction and information package (RFP Packet) is available at the Department of Public Lands office, located on the 2nd Floor of the Joeten Dandan Building, Saipan, during the hours of 7:30am to 4:30pm, Monday through Friday, except holidays. Interested proposers from overseas may request an RFP Packet by mail or email. The request must reference “RFP16-RED002 – LEASE & DEVELOPMENT OF PUBLIC LAND IN TANAPAG, SAIPAN”.

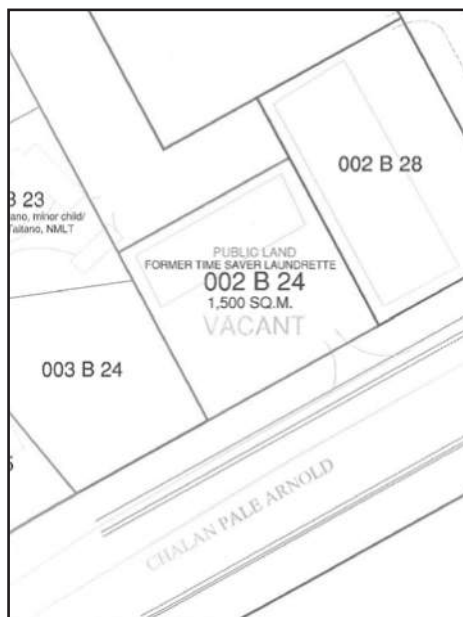
Questions from proposing firms regarding the contents of the RFP packet must be received, **no later than 4:30 pm on April 22, 2016 ChST** and must be submitted in writing via mail, email or facsimile to Ms. Marianne Concepcion-Teregeyo, Secretary, Department of Public Lands at the following address:

Department of Public Lands
P.O. Box 500380
Saipan, MP 96950
Telephone number: (670) 234-3751/52/53
Facsimile number: (670) 234-3755
Email: mariannet@dpl.gov.mp

Response to questions will be summarized and shared with all proposers in a “Question and Answer” format.

The DPL reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive any imperfection in any proposal, if, in its opinion to do so would be in the best interest of public land beneficiaries. All proposals shall become the sole property of the DPL.

/s/ MARIANNE CONCEPCION-TEREGEYO
Secretary, Department of Public Lands



‘The Force’ is strong with MCS Jedi Knights

Mt. Carmel School will take part in the annual Marianas March Against Cancer this year as team “Jedi Knights.” The island’s sole Catholic educational institution has shown its support for MMAC and its efforts in the past years through its long running participation and fundraising.

This year’s team captains, seniors Thomas Lee A. Manglona II and Cathryn Javier, said that they are committed to raising the bar for their school’s involvement during the event in every aspect.

Manglona and Javier have participated in MMAC since their freshmen year and coordinated their classes’ involvement under the student council. As the co-captains gear up for this year’s event alongside fellow student leaders, Javier expressed her excitement.

“We have been meeting with the MMAC committee and making progress each time in planning our involvement,” she added. “Our commitment to the event is strong and we will contribute as much as we can in both time and energy as the date nears.”

Manglona noted that his school’s participation is stu-

dent-run every year.

“The students become more excited each year and some of them even stay for the entire 12 hours to run laps and assist at the booth,” he said. “Our theme this year for our tent and baton, Star Wars, comes from our school’s super bowl commercial which garnered a lot of attention.”

Junior high and high school students will take turns running laps and selling food and glow-accessories on the night of the event.

At the beginning of the year, MCS also started selling pink athletic and school uniforms for students to purchase, symbolic of their support in fighting cancer. A portion of the money collected will go toward the cause as well.

“The students enjoy spending time with each other even though they are exhausted by the time it passes midnight. I think we all understand that this event is bigger than any single one of us. We’re going to be there in full force in May just like every other year,” Manglona added. “The Force is strong with us Jedi Knights.” (PR)

UOG professor to announce betel nut findings

University of Guam professor Dr. Yvette Paulino, PhD, will announce her findings and plans of conducting a Betel Nut Intervention Trial on Saipan. She will be speaking in a press conference at 3pm today, April 22, at the Governor’s Office conference room.

Paulino’s visit is part of the Commonwealth Cancer Association’s Oral Cancer Awareness program for this month. Her study is very timely since oral cancer on the rise.

Those who chew betel nut on Saipan, according to her study, are significantly at risk of having oral predominantly malignant disorders than those in Guam.

“Based on prior data collection, betel nut chewers, like smokers, generally want and intend to quit, but do not have specific plans of how or when they will quit,” said Paulino.

“Most betel nut chewers in our sample already have tried to quit on one or more occasions. These findings suggest that betel nut chewers can benefit from cessation programs modeled after smoking cessation programs,” she added.

CCA—a community-based nonprofit organization that promotes cancer awareness and prevention in the CNMI—invites cancer survivors, dental clinic partners, and community stakeholders to attend today’s very important event.

CCA, which began as a coalition of volunteers who are committed to reducing the burden of cancer in the CNMI, provides patient support services and serves as the liaison and advocate for cancer issues in the Commonwealth and the region.

These volunteers serve on the CCA board and committees that help raise funds and participate in training, outreach, and patient support programs. CCA’s programs and services are fully supported by the Marianas March Against Cancer.

MMAC, CCA’s annual signature fundraising event, receives donations and other financial contributions from private companies and families.

For more information, call the CCA office at 682-0050 or email at camarianas@gmail.com or visit www.ccamarianas.org. (PR)



DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC LANDS COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

RFP16 – RED003

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: May 20, 2016

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- Lot 182 E 01, containing an area of approximately 4,545 square meters, more or less, in Lower Base, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, as is; and

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Secretary, Department of Public Lands



Presentation on Jacoulet artwork on April 29

The Northern Marianas Humanities Council cordially invites the public to a presentation by visiting anthropologist Dr. Don Rubinstein that will be held at the Fiesta Hall of Grandvrio Resort (formerly Hafadai Beach Hotel) on April 29, beginning at 6pm.

Rubinstein's presentation is titled "The Art and Vision of Paul Jacoulet in Micronesia."

The Pacific Islands have long held a special place in the imagination of visiting artists, evoking notions of "paradise" since Europeans first encountered the islands and their inhabitants.

Among outside artists in Micronesia, Jacoulet's work stands out for its technical virtuosity, its marvelous vision, and its intimate and admiring



Rubinstein

portrayal of island people

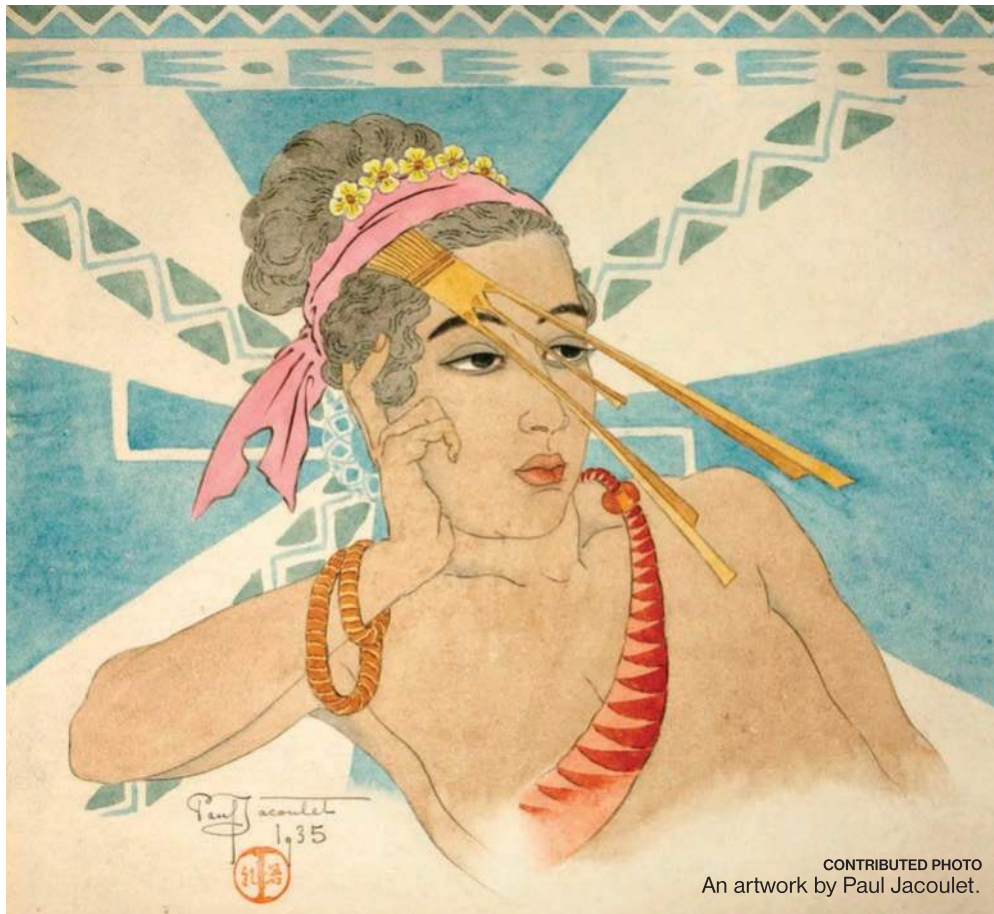
Working in the exacting medium of Japanese woodblock (*ukiyo-e*) printing, Jacoulet produced a stunning collection of portraits based on his visits

to the Marianas and Caroline Islands in the late 1920s and early 1930s.

Jacoulet's first published prints, the iconic Rainbow Series (1934), featured seven beautiful Chamorro women in Saipan, each featured in a different color.

Rubinstein will provide an overview of Jacoulet and his work with a particular focus on the Rainbow Series.

Descendants of the Rainbow women who attend the presentation will be provided with a ribbon whose color corresponds to the rainbow color



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An artwork by Paul Jacoulet.

of their relative's portrait.

Rubinstein has been on the faculty of the University of Guam's Micronesian Area Research Center since 1988. He teaches graduate courses in University's Micronesian Studies Program.

He first became interested in Jacoulet's work in the early 1980s and has curated several exhibits of Jacoulet's works at the ISLA Art Gallery. Rubinstein has also contributed an essay to the catalog accompanying the 2013 exhibition of Jacoulet's artwork at the Musée du Quai Branly in Paris.

This presentation is sponsored by the Northern Marianas Humanities Council as a part of its ongoing Community Lecture Series. It is open to the public and free of charge.

Please call council staff at 235-4785 for more information about this upcoming event. (PR)

Chabanne accepted to US Air Force Academy Prep School

HAGÁTÑA, Guam—Congresswoman Madeleine Z. Bordallo announced that Mia Emanuella S. Chabanne has been accepted to the United States Air Force Academy Preparatory School in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

The United States Air Force Academy Preparatory School prepares qualified young men and women academically, physically and militarily to enter the U.S. Air Force Academy and greatly improves chances for appointment to the Air Force Academy.

Mia is the daughter of Joel and Jean Chabanne of Dededo and will graduate from Harvest Christian Academy in June 2016. Mia was nominated by Congresswoman Bordallo, and competed with nominees nationwide for admission into the Air Force Academy.

Mia has maintained an impressive grade point average of 4.05, is in the top of her class, and a member of the National Honor Society. Mia volunteers with several organizations such

as Island Girl Power. She is an active member of several academic and extra-curricular activities including soccer, basketball and cross country.

"I am very proud of Mia and her accomplishments through-

out her high school career. Her acceptance to the U.S. Air Force Academy Preparatory School is well deserved, and I am confident that she will represent our island well," said Congresswoman Bordallo.

"Mia has shown great commitment to her academics and the Guam community. I congratulate Mia and her family on this achievement and look forward to her future success in the U.S. Air Force." (PR)



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Congresswoman Madeleine Z. Bordallo presents a Certificate of Special Congressional Recognition to Mia Chabanne on the occasion of her nomination to the U.S. Air Force Academy.

Bordallo encourages support for Fr. Crisostomo for Lumen Christi Award

HAGÁTÑA, Guam—Congresswoman Madeleine Z. Bordallo, joined Guam's religious and civic leaders in encouraging the community to support Fr. Michael Crisostomo's nomination for the 2016 Lumen Christi Award from the Catholic Extension Society. The Lumen Christi Award is given to those who have demonstrated how the power of faith can transform lives and society. Pale' Mike serves as the pastor of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Catho-

lic Church in Toto. In addition to his pastoral duties, Pale' Mike has been recognized for his advocacy for crime victims. He has worked diligently to help build the Catholic Chuukese faith community in Guam. Pale' Mike also directs the Micronesia Solutions program to help migrants who move to Guam with their transition.

Congresswoman Bordallo encourages everyone to vote for Father Michael Crisostomo by visiting [\[licextension.org/2016-lumen-christi-award-nominees\]\(https://www.catholicextension.org/2016-lumen-christi-award-nominees\).](https://www.catho-</p>
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"Father Michael Crisostomo has done so much work for our local community. Not only is he a parish priest, but an advocate for crime victims throughout the island," said Congresswoman Bordallo. "I commend Pale' Mike for all of his contributions and encourage the people of Guam to support him to bring recognition to his work and our island." (PR)

Please join us as we continue to thank God for His loving graces and pray for the eternal rest of our beloved

† *Paulina Adelbai Faustino*
(November 11, 1942-April 25, 2015).

Daily mass intentions for the first anniversary of her passing on to eternal life began on Sunday, April 17, 2016 and continue to Monday, April 25, 2016 at San Antonio Church in San Antonio, Saipan.

6:00 p.m.	Friday	April 22, 2016
6:00 p.m.	Saturday	April 23, 2016
8:00 a.m.	Sunday	April 24, 2016
6:00 p.m.	Monday	April 25, 2016

On the final day, April 25, 2016, also the Feast of St. Mark the Evangelist, dinner will be served at the social hall immediately after the Mass.

Please come and be with us.

Mesulang, Si Yu'us Ma'ase and Thank You for your loving presence and prayers.

The Family

The Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. has lauded Best Sunshine International, Ltd. for the ongoing clean up and beautification initiative of its Corporate Social Responsibility team at the Commonwealth Health Center.

"We want to thank Best Sunshine (International, Ltd.) for stepping up and coming to us and making the initiative to make the CHCC a part of their community service. The partnership led to a tremendous and great outcome," Warren Villagomez, the healthcare corporation's director for Public Health & Hospital Emergency Preparedness Program said.

"We have the manpower but we would not have done it as quickly as Best Sunshine did. We saw major changes in the areas that Best Sunshine worked on," Villagomez said, citing how BSI's corporate social responsibility work restored back several publicly frequented areas within and the surrounding premises of CHCC.

From the courtyard were patients and family utilize for resting to parking lots for staff, patients and visitors, the sprawling public facility continue to undergo major facelift.

"It's great that they do something for our community and something significant to the hospital. We hope to continue our partnership with Best Sunshine with regards to the community service efforts that Best Sunshine's CSR is offering out there," Villagomez pointed out.

BSI-CSR team headed by its director Geri Dela Cruz partnered with CHCC in providing cleanup and beautification services which significantly spruced up the hospital's premises.

CSR director Geri Dela Cruz, when asked what inspired the group to extend this collaborative effort to the island's primary healthcare facility, said, "When we were assessing the Navy Hill area during our Village Pride Project, we definitely wanted to do improvements at the hospital given it is our only public

BSI helps beautify CHC



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BSI's CSR team, led by its director Geri Dela Cruz, pose after a day-long work at CHC's grounds.

healthcare facility on the island. However, we knew we couldn't do it in one week; we decided to make the CHCC improvements a (separate) project."

"We have been at CHCC for three weeks now and we are about 80 percent complete with our scope of work," said Dela Cruz.

It was on April 5 when BSI's CSR team began the massive clean up and facelift and is projected to be completed within a month.

From the paint to manpower, BSI's CSR team provided free service, a much-needed reprieve to the healthcare corporation need for support.

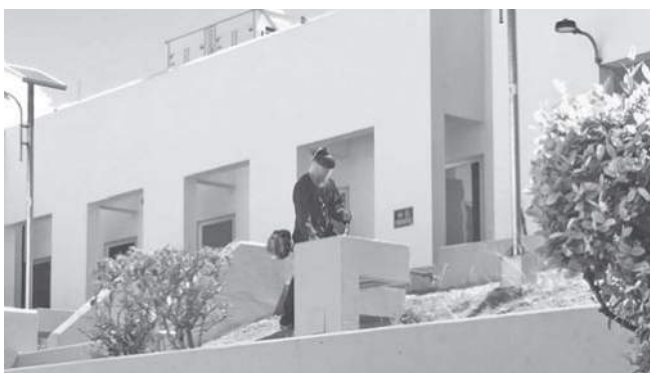
Martin Pangelinan, Project coordinator of CSR for the CHCC project, comments, "I was really excited with I was tasked to lead the CHCC improvements. I knew that the work we put into this project will benefit everyone in our community."

Jaclyn Litulumar, another project coordinator, reiterates Best Sunshine CSR team's commitment by saying, "While doing Village Pride projects, we appreciated the results of the improvements that were done. Simply giving



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Best Sunshine International, Ltd.'s Corporate Social Responsibility team water-blasts the courtyard of the Commonwealth Health Center.



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BSI's CSR staff slowly restores the courtyard's beauty.

a fresh coat of paint makes the facility look brand new. When we assessed CHCC, I knew that simply painting would

improve its curb appeal." Dela Cruz adds, "We can definitely build a stronger partnership so we can contrib-



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BSI-CSR staff applies a fresh coat of paint on the road shoulder leading to the dialysis center.



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BSI's CSR staff work to restore the color of the CNMI's only primary hospital.



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BSI-CSR director Geri Dela Cruz led the ongoing cleanup and beautification of CHC's surroundings.

ute into improving healthcare in our islands. We may not be healthcare experts; however, we can add value by improv-

ing its environment. Our healthcare professionals and our patients can benefit from this improvements." (PR)

In-laws demand too much time from hard-working son

DEAR ABBY: My husband, "Ed," and I are in our 40s. We both work, and Ed often puts in more than 60 hours a week. My in-laws, in their 60s, are both in good health, retired and well-off financially. They expect weekly gatherings unless THEY have other plans.

In warmer weather, my mother-in-law guilt-trips Ed into performing weekly chores such as painting, gardening, window washing, etc. These take more than six hours on Sundays, in addition to dinner.

My in-laws also insist on yearly family vacations. Because of this we have little time alone with our teens or each other. I don't think all these gatherings should be mandatory. Please help. This is hurting our marriage.

HIGHLY STRESSED IN PENNSYLVANIA

DEAR HIGHLY STRESSED: During one of those mandatory family visits, you and your husband should tell his parents what you have told me. Unless you explain to them that they have you on a schedule that doesn't permit you to spend alone time with your children or each other, they won't get it.

Family get-togethers are supposed to be pleasant for all, not mandatory. And if your in-laws can afford the expense,

they should hire a handyman to help them and not impose upon their son.

DEAR ABBY: I have been single for almost six years and have had no luck with the dating scene. Every time I go on a date, I perceive it as a date that went extremely well. But when I go to contact the guy the next day, I get no response in return.

I have major trust issues to begin with from past relationships, and it's hard for me to let my guard down. Although I try to be as open and honest with the guys as possible, it just doesn't work. I know the whole cliché of "the right one is out there somewhere," but what can someone do when she just feels like giving up completely on dating?

GIVING UP IN STOCKTON, CALIF.

DEAR GIVING UP: The one thing you shouldn't do is give up and stop trying. Not knowing what you are doing on these first dates, I can only surmise that while being "as open and honest with guys as possible," you may be giving them so much negative information that you're scaring them off.

In a way, dating is like sales: It's important to communi-

DEAR ABBY

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE



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cate positive information about the product you are selling (you) and downplay the negative (i.e. "I have trust issues because someone done me wrong."). It might also be helpful to have an honest talk with some of your friends and ask them what you may be doing wrong.

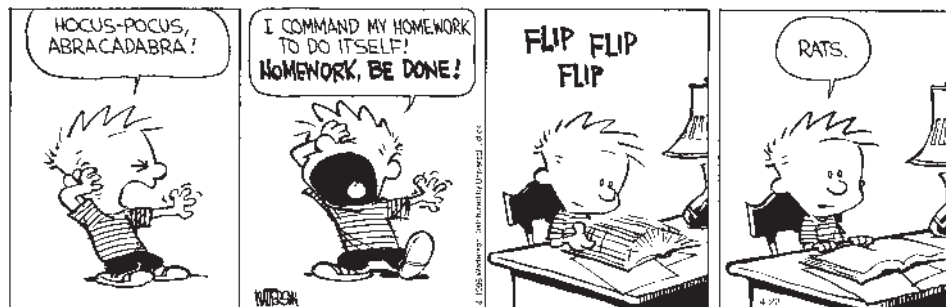
TO MY JEWISH READERS: Passover begins at sundown. Happy Passover, everyone! -- LOVE, ABBY

What teens need to know about sex, drugs, AIDS and getting along with peers and parents is in "What Every Teen Should Know." Send your name and mailing address, plus check or money order for \$7 (U.S. funds) to: Dear Abby, Teen Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Shipping and handling are included in the price.)

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Yesterday's answer 4-22

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Amber Heard, 30; Sherri Shepherd, 49; Peter Frampton, 66; Jack Nicholson, 79.

Happy Birthday: Don't deviate from the plans you have made. Even if you have to move forward alone, try to follow through and see where it leads. Trust in your heart and your ability to get what you want. Good fortune can be yours if you make choices based on your needs. Strive to be independent. Your numbers are 10, 13, 21, 26, 33, 39, 41.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Activity, travel and personal changes will highlight your day and improve your life. Believe in who you are and what you do, and so will the people you encounter. Put a little romance into your day. ★★

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Let people know what you are thinking and how you plan to go about getting what you want. Your vision will be well received, and help will be offered from someone you least expect. Keep an open mind and something good will transpire. ★★

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Helping others will lead to a meaningful connection. Your ability to follow through and deliver what you promise will help you disprove anyone who doubts you. A reward is in order. Treat yourself to something nice. ★★

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Get involved in something that will bring you in contact with people you have worked with in the past, or who have something to offer you now. A partnership will allow you to raise your standard of living. ★★

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Make changes that will help you alleviate the problem you face at home or at work. Protect your reputation and engage in events that will allow you to show what you have to offer instead of just talking about it. ★★

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Avoid bickering with someone who is taking advantage of you. Look for enlightenment from experts and do your homework to find out what your options are. Take control instead of being controlled, and you will find a way to make personal improvements. ★★

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Get involved in activities that will bring you closer to the people you love. Taking off for a mini-vacation will improve your disposition and your relationship with someone special. ★★

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Follow your dreams and let your imagination find ways to turn any negative you encounter into a positive. Emotions will surface and discussions will help you resolve any pressing issues. Alter your living space to suit your needs. ★★

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By Dave Green

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I. PRELIMINARY
1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Adoption of Agenda
4. Adoption of Minutes March 24, 2016
II. PUBLIC COMMENTS¹
III. EXECUTIVE SESSION²
IV. NEW BUSINESS
1. To finalize the proposed amendments of the Tinian Municipal Scholarship Rules and Regulation.
V. MISCELLANEOUS MATTER
VI. SCHEDULE OF NEXT BOARD MEETING
VII. ADJOURNMENT
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¹ We ask that remarks be limited to 3 minutes each. Everyone is welcomed to submit written comments on the day of the meeting
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Cavs make record 20 treys in Game 2 win over Pistons



CLEVELAND (AP)—J.R. Smith looked down at the postgame box score and couldn't believe his eyes.

"We shot 38 3s?" he asked. "Damn."

Yep, and dropped 20 to sink the Pistons.

LeBron James scored 27 points, Smith made seven of Cleveland's NBA playoff record-tying 20 3-pointers, and the Cavs opened a 2-0 lead in their increasingly testy series with a 107-90 victory over Detroit on Wednesday night.

The top-seeded Cavs put away the up-and-coming Pistons in the third quarter, outscoring them 27-15 to protect home-court advantage. They did it with a flurry of six 3s, including two by Smith.

"I'm open, so I shoot the ball," Smith explained. "It's kind of simple for me."

There was nothing easy about their first two wins and the Cavs, favored to win the Eastern Conference and return to the finals, will have their work cut out when the best-of-seven series resumes on Friday night at Detroit.

The young Pistons aren't backing down and rookie Stanley Johnson had strong words for the Cavs afterward.

"Their whole team talks," said Johnson, who was also upset with James for bumping him at the end of the first quarter. "All those guys on the bench, they're like cheerleaders. Only 7-8 guys are playing, but they're all talking. They might as well be in the stands."

James also took exception to being hit by Marcus Morris' elbow in the fourth quarter. There's a video circulating of James taking issue with it and mouthing a threat.

"There hasn't been one dirty play in the series," James said, downplaying the teams' dislike for each other. "I will make sure my guys understand that we're here to play basketball, everything else is irrelevant. There's a video here, a video there -- means absolutely nothing. I took a shot, but I'm OK, I'm still standing tall."

Kyrie Irving added 22 points for Cleveland, which shares the postseason record for 3s with Golden State (2015), Dallas (2011) and Seattle (1996).

Andre Drummond scored 20 for the Pistons, who have lost 10 straight playoff games against Cleveland. Drummond was just 4 of 16 from the line and the Pistons didn't do enough on either end to slow the Cavs.

"I don't care if you're left by yourself, 20 of 38 is pretty good shooting," Pistons coach Stan Van Gundy said of Cleve-



land's 3-point onslaught.

Smith's outside shooting was a welcomed addition for the Cavs, who got 81 points from James, Irving and Kevin Love in Game 1 but can't count on that production from them every time. Smith scored only nine points in the opener, but that didn't deter him from firing away.

The Cavs are counting on Smith, who had a rough post-season last year, when he was suspended in the first round and shot poorly in the NBA Finals.

Cleveland made six 3s in the third when it twisted a five-point deficit into a 14-point lead.

The biggest 3 in the spurt came from James, who after knocking down his shot, raised

three fingers on both hands while standing just a few feet away from Van Gundy. It was some payback for James, who had refused to get caught up in a verbal battle between games with Van Gundy. Detroit's talkative coached was fined \$25,000 by the NBA for criticizing what he felt was preferential treatment for James.

James went on a four-minute tear in the second quarter, capping it with a two-handed jam he punctuated by him hanging on the rim and swinging in celebration.

Clippers 102, Trail Blazers 81

In Los Angeles, Chris Paul and Blake Griffin were in no hurry to go back into the game. The reserves were roll-

ing and again creating some breathing room.

Paul and Griffin urged coach Doc Rivers to let the second unit keep playing. He agreed, and the bench scored 43 points in the Clippers victory over the Portland Trail Blazers on Wednesday night, giving Los Angeles a 2-0 lead in its first-round playoff series.

"Those guys looked like they were in a good rhythm," said Paul, who led the Clippers with 25 points. "We've all been together long enough to know, let them keep rolling, let them keep going until they really need a break. If we come out of the game up six, when we go back in the game, we may be up 10 or up 12. We just need those guys to keep playing with that confidence."

Jamal Crawford, the NBA's Sixth Man of the Year, led the reserves with 11 points and Jeff Green added 10 on a night when the Clippers' starters weren't their usual dominant selves. The bench opened the second quarter on a 12-2 run, stretching a six-point lead to 15.

"The bench won us the game," J.J. Redick said. "Defensively, they were great all the way down the line and they each had impact on the game."

Among the starters, Redick scored 17 points, Blake Griffin had 12 points and nine rebounds, and DeAndre Jordan had 18 rebounds for the Clippers, who topped 100 points for the second straight game.

Damian Lillard and Mason Plumlee led the Blazers with

Cleveland Cavaliers' LeBron James (23) shoots over Detroit Pistons' Stanley Johnson (3) during the second half in Game 2 of a first-round NBA basketball playoff series, Wednesday, April 20, 2016, in Cleveland. The Cavaliers won, 107-90.

17 points each. CJ McCollum added 16 after being held to nine in their 20-point loss in the series opener. Plumlee and Al-Farouq Aminu had 10 rebounds each. Portland shot a season-worst 34.1 percent.

"Especially at the start of the game, I got a lot of good looks," Lillard said. "When you get those good looks you've got to knock them down, especially in a playoff series like this when they're trapping and sending two guys."

Game 3 is Saturday in Portland.

Heat 115, Hornets 103

In Miami, Wade scored 28 points, Hassan Whiteside was a franchise playoff-record 8 for 8 from the field and finished with 17 points, and the Heat beat the Charlotte Hornets on Wednesday night to take a 2-0 lead in the Eastern Conference first-round series.

The Heat have averaged 119 points in the first two games of the series, which shifts to Charlotte for Game 3 on Saturday night.

"You want to be able to get stops, you want to be able to put some runs together," Wade said. "And we did that. We didn't play a perfect game, by no stretch of the imagination. We've got a lot of things that we can get better at—that we need to get better at."

Goran Dragic scored 18 points, Luol Deng finished with 16 and Josh Richardson added 15 for Miami, which had 72 points by halftime and never trailed in the second half. Whiteside added 13 rebounds and is now shooting 17 for 19 in the series, his playoff debut.

"As we move on to Charlotte, we can't just bank on our offense," Heat coach Erik Spoelstra said.

Kemba Walker scored 29 for Charlotte, needing 29 shots to get there. Al Jefferson had 25 on 12-for-17 shooting off the bench, Courtney Lee added 12 and Jeremy Lin had 11 for Charlotte—which has dropped 12 straight postseason contests.

"That's the reality of playoff basketball," Hornets coach Steve Clifford said. "We go home, we're good at home. I feel like we played better today than we did three days ago."

The game was tied midway through the second quarter, and that's when Miami took off.

Curry feeling better but isn't sure if he'll play in Game 3

HOUSTON (AP)—Stephen Curry's sprained right ankle is feeling better but he isn't sure if he will be able to play on Thursday night in Game 3 of Golden State's first-round playoff series against the Houston Rockets.

Curry talked about his health after practicing on Wednesday when the team arrived in Houston.

"Based on how I feel right now I probably couldn't play," he said. "But tomorrow it could be different."

Curry missed Game 2 after he was hurt in the opener of the series. The Warriors overcame his absence to get a 115-

106 victory and take a 2-0 lead in the best-of-seven series.

Last season's MVP said he doesn't feel like he could play right now because he isn't able to "go full speed, or game speed, I should say and have confidence in the moves I need to do."

Golden State coach Steve Kerr was encouraged by how Curry looked on Wednesday.

"You couldn't see anything today as far as a limp," he said. "So he's doing a lot better."

Curry, who led the NBA with 402 3-pointers in the regular season, made 3 after 3 on Wednesday in the por-

tion of practice that reporters were able to view, but insisted he didn't look as good early in the workout.

"Y'all got here late," he said. "I missed (some) ... obviously I want to be healthy and not put myself in danger of having this linger or having problems down the stretch, but you want to keep the rhythm and momentum that we've built and not get rusty. So hopefully we can accomplish both."

Kerr is also concerned with that balance.

"It's funny because people say: 'Just give him like two weeks off his ankle will be

fine," Kerr said with a laugh. "Yeah, but what about his shooting arm? What about his handle? Players want to play. So there's always a rest versus rhythm equation in there somewhere that we have to factor in."

Curry said it's not just that he isn't able to do all the things he normally can on the court right now, but that there is some pain that accompanies his injury.

"There's a certain threshold of soreness that you can deal with, and if it kind of rolls into pain where things shut down if you get into a certain position or whatnot, that's what I want to avoid," he said.

Sale first 4-game winner, leads ChiSox over Angels



CHICAGO (AP)—Chris Sale became the major leagues' first four-game winner, allowing two hits in seven innings to lead the Chicago White Sox over the Los Angeles Angels 2-1 Wednesday.

Sale (4-0) allowed a pair of singles by Mike Trout and an unearned run. David Robertson got four outs for his sixth save in as many attempts, allowing Trout's third hit and completing a fourth-hitter.

Chicago improved to 10-5. Last season, the White Sox began 10-14 and didn't reach double digits in victories until May 26.

Tyler Saladino homered in the first off Garrett Richards (0-3), who gave up two runs—one earned—and four hits in 6 1/3 innings.

Rangers 2, Astros 1

In Arlington, Cole Hamels extended his career-best winning streak to 10 games, Rougned Odor had a two-run homer and Texas beat Houston.

Hamels hit the first two bat-

ters of the game, gave up three straight singles to start the second and surrendered a leadoff hit in the third.

Diamondbacks 2, Giants 1

In San Francisco, Zack Greinke and Madison Bumgarner both pitched well in a showdown of NL West aces, but Welington Castillo hit a two-run homer in the seventh inning to help Arizona beat San Francisco.

Greinke (1-2) got his first win with Arizona and remained undefeated against the Giants.

Reds 6, Rockies 5

In Cincinnati, Tucker Barnhart hit a game-ending single off Christian Bergman (0-3) over a five-man infield in the ninth as Cincinnati overcame a bullpen meltdown and took advantage of a Colorado baserunning blunder.

Ross Ohlendorf (3-2) pitched a perfect ninth.

Cardinals 5, Cubs 3

In St. Louis, Matt Holliday

homered, Carlos Martinez (0-3) allowed one run and three hits in seven innings and St. Louis avoided getting swept in the three-game series.

Trevor Rosenthal got his fourth save of the season by striking out the side in the ninth. It was his 100th career save.

Athletics 5, Yankees 2

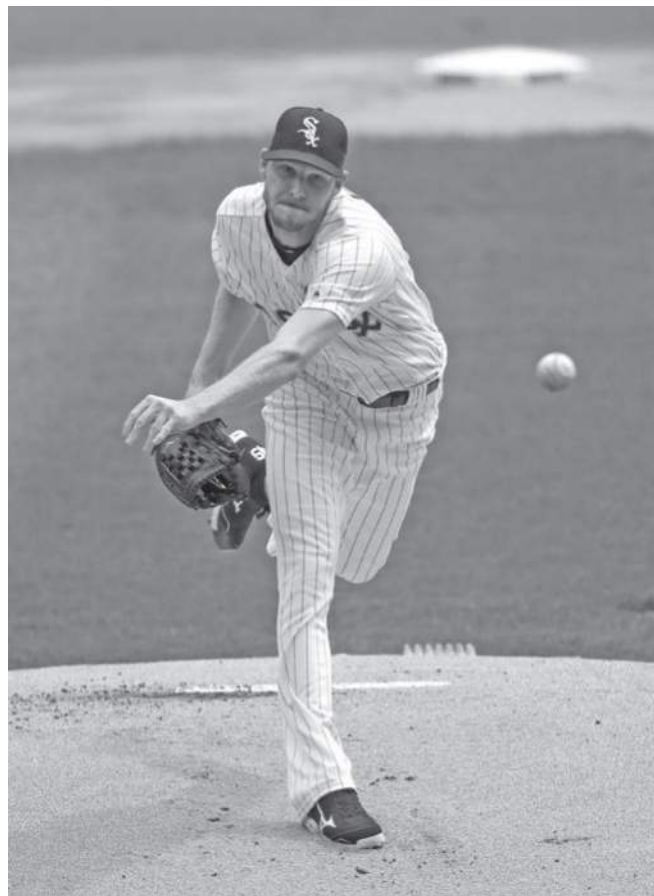
In New York, Kendall Graveman (1-1) tossed three-hit ball for 6 1/3 innings and struck out eight for Oakland, 5-0 in the road this season. Slumping New York (5-8) has lost six of seven and is last in the AL East.

Billy Burns had three hits, Khris Davis delivered a two-run single and the A's won their fourth straight following a four-game slide.

Red Sox 7, Rays 3

In Boston, Mookie Betts hit a two-run homer and David Ortiz drove in three runs with a pair of doubles to back Rick Porcello as Boston stopped a three-game skid.

Porcello (3-0) allowed three



runs and six hits in seven innings, struck out nine and walked one.

thanks to first baseman Adam Lind's fielding error.

Dodgers 5, Braves 3, 10 innings

In Atlanta, Justin Turner gave Los Angeles the lead with a 10th-inning double to snap Atlanta's four-game winning streak.

The Braves failed in a bid to become the first team to win five straight games after starting a season 0-9, according to STATS.

Mariners 2, Indians 1

In Cleveland, Taijuan Walker (1-0) allowed just an unearned run and three hits over six innings, and Norichika Aoki had a two-run triple in the second.

Jason Kipnis' sacrifice fly in the third scored Cleveland's run, which was unearned

Nationals 3, Marlins 1

In Miami, Bryce Harper doubled in a run and Yusmeiro Petit (1-0) allowed one run in four innings of relief after starter Joe Ross departed in the third inning because of a blister on the middle finger of his pitching hand.

Harper, who began the night leading the majors with 20 RBI, hit a two-out double in the third to score Ross from first base for a 2-0 lead.

Tigers 3, Royals 2

In Kansas City, Jordan Zimmermann (3-0) scattered seven hits over 6 1/3 innings in his third straight scoreless start, and Victor Martinez drove in the 1,000th run of his career.

Ian Kinsler drove the other

Chicago White Sox starting pitcher Chris Sale delivers during the first inning of a baseball game Wednesday, April 20, 2016, in Chicago.

two runs for Detroit. Ian Kennedy (2-1) allowed two runs and six hits in 6 1/3 innings.

Orioles 4, Blue Jays 3

In Baltimore, Caleb Joseph doubled off Joe Biagini (0-1) with two outs in the 10th inning and scored on Josh Thole's passed ball.

Mychal Givens (1-0) worked the 10th for Baltimore.

Phillies 5, Mets 4, 11 innings

In Philadelphia, Peter Bourjos drove in the winning run on an infield single with two outs in the 11th inning to lift Philadelphia over New York.

Yoenis Cespedes and Lucas Duda hit consecutive homers and Neil Walker had four hits for the Mets.

Padres 8, Pirates 2

In San Diego, Drew Pomeranz struck out a career-high 10 and held Pittsburgh to four singles and Matt Kemp homered to lead San Diego.

The Padres have taken the first two of three games against the Pirates for their first home series win this season.

Brewers 10, Twins 5

In Milwaukee, Aaron Hill, Chris Carter and Domingo Santana each hit home runs to help Jimmy Nelson and Milwaukee beat Minnesota.

Nelson, who had never faced the Twins, allowed four runs on 10 hits. He struck out six and walked one to keep the Twins winless in seven games on the road.

Norman a free agent, Panthers rescind franchise tag offer



CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP)—The NFL free agent cornerback market just got more interesting.

Josh Norman, one of the league's top corners, became an unrestricted free agent Wednesday after the Carolina Panthers surprisingly rescinded their non-exclusive franchise tag offer to the All-Pro and wished him well -- someplace else.

Norman, 28, elected not to sign the franchise tag offer from the Panthers which would have paid him \$13.9

million in 2016 while holding out for a long-term contract. The two sides could never agree on monetary compensation.

Now Norman can sign with any team.

"After a number of conversations with Josh's agent we realized that a long-term deal was not attainable," Panthers general manager Dave Gettleman said in a release. "We have decided to rescind the franchise tag freeing Josh to immediately become a UFA. We thank Josh for all his contributions and truly wish him well."

A former fifth-round draft pick, Norman had a career-high four interceptions and helped the NFC champion Panthers lead the NFL in interceptions (24), takeaways (39), points off turnovers (148) last season. He also had 16 passes defended, three forced fumbles and two fumble recoveries.

Norman didn't want to discuss the Panthers decision when reached Wednesday night.

"Man, I just don't feel like talking about it right now," Norman told The Associated Press.

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FISU changes age limit of participants

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REPORTER

The International University Sports Federation has changed the age limit of athletes that will participate in all events they organize like the University Games—Summer and Winter—and the World University Championships.

FISU president Oleg Matytsin of Russia sent the letter addressed to all National University Sports Federations and Continental University Sports Federations last month informing them of the change. FISU secretary general and chief executive officer Eric

Saintrond also signed the letter.

The former age bracket is from 17 to 28 years old, but the governing body of University sports lowered the limit to 25.

The FISU Executive Committee decided to reduce the age limit during its last meeting held on March 4 and 5 in Brussels, Belgium. Basketball remains the same at 25 and under.

“This change was initiated after a careful study of statistics of participation for the last three Winter and Summer



Universiade, and WUC from 2012 to 2014,” wrote Matytsin in the letter.

Matytsin said the new age limit would give FISU more chance to

focus on their target group—students-athletes that are in the 19 to 25 years old range. Records show that 85 percent of the participants in FISU events the last three years are within that bracket.

The old age bracket will still be followed in all FISU events this year and up to next year.

“These new age rules will

be applied starting from [WUC] 2018, and Winter and Summer Universiade 2019,” Matytsin added.

The WUC is part of the FISU program where 28 sports are played either in every two or four-year intervals. There are 28 sports with 42 events under the FISU program.

Archery, badminton, baseball, beach volleyball, bridge, chess, cross country, cycling, equestrian, flat water canoeing, floorball, futsal, golf, handball, field hockey, karate, match racing, ski orienteering, rowing, rugby 7s, sailing, sport shooting, softball, squash, taekwondo, triathlon,

white water canoeing, water-skiing, weightlifting, woodball, wrestling, 3x3 basketball, American football, boxing, canoe sprint, netball, rowing, speed skating, and sport climbing, are FISU’s WUC events.

FISU is based in Lausanne, Switzerland. Since 2004, they had organized 34 WUC sporting events that attracted thousands of student-athletes from more than 150 countries around the world, including the CNMI.

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apiece. Jose Lizama Jr. is also ahead in the doubles and RBIs with his three and six. Peter Tomokane, A.J. Lizama, Brian Camacho, Tim Cruz, and Peyton Lizama have four RBIs each.

In the pitching race, Ricky Joe Riungel kept the top spot with his 0.00 ERA, as he has yet to allow a single run in 10 innings pitched with the Fal-

cons. Riungel leads the Aces’ Michael Muna (1.20 ERA), the North Starz’ Jared Camacho (1.29), the Bears’ Jeffrey Lizama (1.80), the Blue Jays’ Keola Camacho (1.80), the Yankees’ Peter Lieto (1.86), the Bars’ Jose Lizama Jr. (2.25), the Brewers’ Lancaster Secharmidal (2.57), and the North Starz’ V.J. King (3.00).

Lieto, Muna, and Jose Lizama Jr. are tied for the most strikeouts, posting 18 apiece.

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the former next week will give the squad the division championship. If Shirley’s prevail in its last game, it will seal the title regardless of the results of Kanoa’s last match. Kanoa earlier defeated Shirley’s, 4-2, in their first meeting this season (March 12).

In other results in the girls U15, Matansa won via forfeit against Paire to move up to fourth place with its 5-0-4 card. Matansa’s victory brought MP United down to fifth with the latter holding a 4-1-4 mark, while Paire (1-0-7) and Tan Holdings (1-0-8) are at the bottom two.

Meanwhile, in the boys U14 division, Tan Holdings topped Paire, 5-2, at the Koblerville Elementary School Field to boost its title bid in the group.

Mark Esalan had a hat-trick, while John Michael Rojas scored a pair for Tan Holdings, which owns a 7-0-2 record. Paire got its two goals from Kaden Church.

MP United also notched its seventh win in nine games to tie Tan Holdings after nipping Matansa, 4-3. Oliver Lee knocked in two goals for MP United, while Eun Syu Hahn and Ye Seong Cho contributed one each.

Both MP United and Tan Holdings have one game left in the double round-robin season and the results of their matches will determine the winner of the division championship. Tan Holdings will duel Shirley’s tomorrow at 1:30pm, while MP United will take on Kanoa at 4:30pm. If both squads win, they will still end up in a deadlock and Tan Holdings will prevail in the tiebreak due to the head-to-head rule implemented by the NMIFA Youth Committee. Tan Holdings downed MP United in their first meeting on Feb. 20, 7-3, and had a repeat on April 2 after earning a 2-1 triumph.

If Tan Holdings loses to Shirley’s and Kanoa upsets MP United, there will be a three-way tie (MPU, Kanoa, and Tan Holdings holding similar 7-0-3 cards) for the lead and NMIFA Youth Committee did not indicate in its rules how the standoff will be decided.

Kanoa has a chance to force a three-team tie after blanking Shirley’s, 7-0, in the third game in the boys U14 last Saturday. Kirt Andon made three goals, while Thomas Benavente and Sebastien Manabat tallied two apiece for Kanoa, which has a 6-0-3 mark, going into this Saturday’s final regular season games.

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last weekend’s games, are in second and third spot with their 750 and 600 ranking points, respectively.

In the other divisions, Ji Min Woo and Seung Jin Paik are ahead in the boys U14, while Daniel Kang and Andrew Chung are the pace-setters in the U12 and U10 age groups.

Woo and Paik have similar 2,000 ranking points to lead 19 others, while Kang has 2,350 points to place ahead of the former (2,250). Richard Steele is in third place in the boys U12 division after getting 2,038 points from the

three tournaments. Chung collected 1,750 points from two competitions to lead Min Gi Jung (1,350), Anthony Gregoire (1,000), Hyun Jin Joo (600), and Akash Rai (500).

In the girls division, the current leaders are U16’s Tania Tan (2,500), U14’s Malika Miyawaki (2,250), U12’s Coume Kaga (2,250), and U10’s Anika Camacho (1,000).

The rankings in the U16, U14, and U12 age groups are important as they will determine the players’ chances of making it to the CNMI Junior National Team that will compete in the 2016 North Pacific Regional Championships, which Saipan will be hosting in June.

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SAIPAN LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL

JUNIOR LEAGUE

Batting Leaders

(Based on 19 or more times at bat)

Players	Teams	AB	HIT	AVG
Joe Tudela	Braves	23	12	.521
Spencer Dickerson	Falcons	19	9	.473
Vincente Camacho	Braves	22	10	.454
Dennis Cabrera	Enforcers	26	11	.423
Robin Sablan	Braves	20	8	.400
Pedro Maratita	Enforcers	28	11	.392
Derrick Reusora	Red Sox	23	9	.391
Ignacio Mendiola	Enforcers	23	9	.391
Aven Evangelista	Falcons	23	8	.347
Tyrese Camacho	Falcons	24	8	.333
Arby Yaguel	Falcons	21	7	.333
JP Celis	Enforcers	22	7	.318
Henry Fleming	Red Sox	19	6	.315
Anthony Dizon	Braves	25	7	.280

Doubles

Phillip Kapileo	4
Derrick Reusora	4

RBIs

Phillip Kapileo	9
Dennis Cabrera	9

Triples

Dennis Cabrera	3
Ignacio Mendiola	2
Derrick Reusora	2

Runs

Dennis Cabrera	10
Vincente Camacho	9

Pitching Leaders

(Based on 12 or more innings pitched)

Players	INN	ER	ERA
Pedro Maratita	17	1	0.41
Tyrese Camacho	15.1	1	0.43
Spencer Dickerson	13	1	0.53
Arby Yaguel	14	5	2.50
Henry Fleming	19	7	2.57
Strikeouts			
Tyrese Camacho	32		
Pedro Maratita	19		

SENIOR LEAGUE

Batting Leaders

(Based on 17 or more times at bat)

Players	Teams	AB	HIT	AVG
Ethan Babauta	Comets	22	12	.545
Delin Reusora	Red Sox	17	8	.470
Kimo Angeliem	Falcons	22	9	.409
Richard Atalig	Falcons	23	9	.391
Nathan Anson	Red Sox	18	7	.388
Shakobe Rangamar	Enforcers	18	7	.388
Aurel Mendiola	Comets	22	8	.363
Tindin Guerrero	Red Sox	17	6	.352
Christian Lizama	Red Sox	17	6	.352
Ace Evangelista	Falcons	22	7	.318
Joy Kalen	Falcons	22	7	.318
Jimmy Demapan	Comets	20	6	.300

Doubles

Richard Atalig	2
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Home Runs

Richard Atalig	1
Nathan Anson	1

Triples

Delin Reusora	3
Kimo Angailen	2

Runs

Virgil Secharmidal	11
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RBIs

Ethan Babauta	9
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Pitching Leaders

(Based on 13 or more innings pitched)

Players	INN	ER	ERA
Ethan Babauta	26	1	0.26
Tindin Guerrero	13	1	0.53
Richard Atalig	19	2	0.73

Strikeouts

Richard Atalig	32
Ethan Babauta	28

SAIPAN BASEBALL LEAGUE

Team Standings

(As of April 20)

Teams	W	L	Pct.
CK Bears	4	0	1.000
Titanium	3	0	1.000
Falcons	2	1	0.667
GSM Brewers	2	1	0.667
Yankees	2	2	0.500
North Starz	1	3	0.250
Aces	0	3	0.000
Blue Jays	0	4	0.000

Batting Leaders

(Based on 9 or more at bat)

Players	Teams	AB	Hit	BA
Giovanni Mira	Falcons	9	5	.556
Nokki Saralu	Brewers	11	6	.545
AJ Evangelista	Falcons	10	5	.500
Patrick Tenorio	Titanium	10	5	.500
Davie Matagolai	Blue Jays	15	7	.467
Lamar Iguel	Aces	13	6	.462
Verlance Secharmidal	Aces	11	5	.455
Jhace Palacios	Titanium	9	4	.444
Jun Rabauliman	Titanium	9	4	.444
Roke Tenorio	North Starz	16	7	.438
Jose Lizama	CK Bears	16	8	.500
Ben Jones Jr.	Aces	12	5	.417
Peyton Lizama	CK Bears	14	6	.429
AJ Lizama	CK Bears	14	5	.357
Gary Cruz	Yankees	19	6	.316
Ben Leon Guerrero	Yankees	15	5	.333
Brian Camacho	Titanium	15	5	.333
Byron Kaipat	Brewers	12	4	.333
Mario Salas	Yankees	16	5	.313
Jerald Cabrera	Titanium	10	3	.300
Luis Iguel Jr.	Aces	10	3	.300
Barry Sunumai	Falcons	11	3	.273
Ton Leon Guerrero	Titanium	11	3	.273
Tim Cruz	North Starz	11	3	.273

Runs

Peyton Lizama	CK Bears	8
Jose Lizama Jr.	CK Bears	7
AJ Lizama	CK Bears	6
Henry Lizama	CK Bears	6
Brian Camacho	Titanium	6
Juan Iguel	Aces	6
Verlance Secharmidal	Aces	6
Roke Tenorio	North Starz	6
Gary Cruz	Yankees	6

RBIs

Jose Lizama Jr.	CK Bears	6
Peter Tomokane	Yankees	4
AJ Lizama	CK Bears	4
Brian Camacho	Titanium	4
Brian Camacho	Titanium	4
Brian Camacho	Titanium	4

Doubles

Jose Lizama Jr.	CK Bears	3
Tim Cruz	North Starz	2
Peter Tomokane	Yankees	2
Verlance Secharmidal	Aces	2

Pitching Leaders

(Based on 7 or more innings pitched)

Players	Teams	IP	ER	ERA
Ricky Joe Riungel	Falcons	10	0	0.00
Michael Muna Jr.	Aces	15	2	1.20
Jared Camacho	North Starz	14	2	1.29
Jeffrey Lizama	CK Bears	10	2	1.80
Keola Camacho	Blue Jays	10	2	1.80
Peter Lieto	Yankees	9.2	2	1.86
Jose Lizama Jr.	CK Bears	12	3	2.25
Lancaster Secharmidal	Brewers	7	2	2.57
VJ King	North Starz	9	3	3.00

Strikeouts

Name	Team	SO
Peter Lieto	Yankees	18
Michael Muna	Aces	18
Jose Lizama Jr.	CK Bears	18
John Tudela	Aces	14
Jared Camacho	North Starz	14
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Justin Santos	Blue Jays	11

DPS, Fire notch third win in IGBL

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DPS and Fire posted contrasting wins in the 2016 IT&E Inter-Government/Business Basketball League last Monday night at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

Fire pulled off a 69-62 victory over the Feds in the curtain-raiser, while DPS crushed IT&E, 118-68, in the second match.

DPS now has a 3-1 record for second place in the team standings of Pool A. T Galleria and

MJD Enterprises, pending the results of last Wednesday's matches, lead the group with their similar 4-0 cards, while IT&E is tied with NMSA for fourth place with their similar 1-2 marks. Commonwealth Ports Authority (1-3), Docomo 2 (0-3), and BECQ (0-3) round out the field.

Fire also owns a 3-1 slate to rank second in Pool B behind the unbeaten Pacific Islands Club (3-0). CHCC shares the



second spot with Fire, while Best Sunshine International (2-1) is at third place and followed by Customs (2-2), GPPC (1-2), Feds (0-3), and Docomo 1 (0-4).

Fire took the 7-point win against the Feds after drawing clutch baskets from Ben Lisua. Lisua made two of the team's last two field goals and finished in double figures with his 17 markers.

Lisua had to save Fire as the Feds mounted a comeback in the second half behind the 23 points of Ron Gamboa. Fire led by twin digits in the first quarter, 16-5, with Lisua, knocking in 6 points and it kept its safe distance at the half, 29-20, with S. Pua contributing 8 points.

The Fire advantage then went down to 4, 49-45, as Gamboa began to heat up, scoring 19 in the third quarter alone, including the Feds' last 10 markers.

Gamboa was then held to a field goal in the final canto, while Lisua, Pua, and John Santos teamed up for Fire in outgunning the Feds.

In the second game, Freddie Pelisamen sizzled for 37 points to help DPS rout IT&E.

Dixon Kwon and Kelvin Fitial backed up Pelisamen, adding 20 and 12 markers, respectively.

DPS had the game in the bag right in the first half when it led, 58-34. Despite the huge lead, DPS showed no mercy as it continued to pressure IT&E



ROSELYN B. MONROYO
A DPS player, left, tries to muscle his way past the defense of two IT&E players during the second game in the inter-government/business caging last Monday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

Epan, Cruz prevail in PBA-Budweiser tourney

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Ronald Epan and Benjie Cruz took the Class B and C division championships in the 2015 Philippine Bowling Association-Budweiser Classified Tournament held over the weekend at the Saipan Bowling Center.

Epan won the Class B crown after beating Janice Camacho in Game 1, 150-137, of the stepladder finals, while Cruz got the Class C title after topping Gigi Zapanta, 178-118.

Cruz's victory denied Zapanta's bid for back-to-back championships in the division. Zapanta defeated Marie Candado in two games in the 2014 finale, 154-126 and 200-141. The 2014 winner had a chance to defend her title after placing second in the six-game qualifier, while Cruz ruled the preliminary roll-off, and Simeon Eparwa rounded out the Top 3.

Cruz registered 165, 193, 153, 187, 172, and 127 in the qualifier for a total of 997 pins and average of 166.17. Zapanta averaged 162.17 and collected 973 pins as she logged 194, 133, 141, 146, 156, and 203 in six games. Eparwa also recorded 900-plus pins (964) and averaged 160.67 after registering 137, 188, 182, 140, 137, and 180 in the qualifier.

With Cruz finishing on top of the 11-player field, he automatically moved into the championship game, while Zapanta and Eparwa were left to battle for the



Cruz



Epan

second and last finals berth. Zapanta went on to eliminate Eparwa in the semis, 161-147, to advance

to the finals where she needed to beat Cruz twice to defend her division crown. However, Zapanta did not stand a chance against Cruz, who took only one game to dethrone the former.

In the Class B stepladder finals, four qualified with Epan getting the top spot and the outright finals berth and Camacho, Arnel Ibarreta, and 2014 champion Roger De Guzman completing the cast.

Epan bested 21 others in the preliminary roll-offs after gaining 1,072 pins off his 169s, 191, 234, 160, and 149 in six games and averaging 178.67. De Guzman was ranked second as he collected 1,063 (321, 170, 156, 176, 169, and 161) and averaged 177.17. Camacho and Ibarreta were tied for third after registering 1,056 in six games and averaging 176. Camacho got 183 in Game 6 to add with her 140, 186, 221, 170, and 156 and force a deadlock, while Ibarreta recorded 152, 198, 193, 185, 174, and 154 in six games.

With Camacho and Ibarreta tied for third, they joined De Guzman in the semifinals with the former prevailing in the three-way fight for the last finals berth. Camacho earned 178 pins in the semis to beat the 156 and 152 of Ibarreta and De Guzman, respectively. However, Camacho failed to keep her momentum in the finals, as Epan defeated her by 13 pins.

Thousands of dollars in prizes offered at NMC Foundation golf tourney

Thousands of dollars worth of prizes will be up for grabs at the 13th Annual Northern Marianas College Foundation Open golf tournament set for April 30 on the west course of the Laolao Bay Golf & Resort.

The first place winner for each flight will receive \$500, second place winner will get \$300, and third finishers will take home \$200. There are six flight categories: Championship, A, B, C, Ladies, and

Seniors.

In addition to the flight prizes, there will be a \$5,000 hole-in-one prize sponsored by Pacifica Insurance Underwriters, Inc. and round trip tickets to Japan and the U.S. valued

at over \$4,000 sponsored by Delta Airlines.

The 13th Annual NMC Foundation Open golf tournament is organized by the NMC Foundation with assistance from the college's staff, faculty, and students. The NMC Foundation is composed of community volunteers committed to elevating higher education opportunities in the CNMI.

Show time is at 6am with a shotgun start at 7am.

Those interested in playing can download a registration form at www.marianas.edu or pick up a form at the Laolao Bay Golf & Resort or at the NMC Cashier's Office where the \$100 registration fee can also be paid.

The NMC Foundation is also asking companies or individuals who can contribute monetary or in-kind donations to sponsor the tournament. Those interested in taking the opportunity to sponsor the event can contact NMC at 237-6764/6810 or email foundationdirector@marianas.edu. (PR)



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Pacifica Insurance Underwriters, Inc. will once again sponsor a hole-in-one prize for the 13th Annual Northern Marianas College Foundation Open golf tournament set for April 30.



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Ren leads boys U16 rankings



ROSELYN B. MONROYO
Michael Ren makes a return from the baseline during his and Tony Kim's double match against Steven Goodwin and Vincent Tudela in the 2016 CNMI Junior Tennis Championships last Sunday at the American Memorial Park tennis courts.

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Michael Ren is among the leaders in the CNMI junior tennis rankings released by Northern Mariana Islands Tennis Association prior to the last ranking tournament of the group for the 2015-2016 season.

Ren is on top of the boys U16 leaderboard, having earned 2,600 points from three competitions. He got 1,000 in the 7th Tan Holdings Tennis Classic in November last year, 600 in the Coconut Tennis Classic in February, and 750 and 250 in the singles and doubles events in the Pacific Islands Club Tennis Championships in March.

The 15-year-old Ren is ahead of Robbie Schorr (1,950), Ken Song (1,800), Tony Kim (1,750), Vincent



Tudela (1,650), Moris Villanueva (1,000), Steven Goodwin (650), Colin Ramsey (500), and A.J. Hudkins (150).

It is likely that Ren will keep the top spot in the boys U16 division, as the final ranking tournament—the ongoing CNMI Junior Tennis Championships—did not have a competition for U16 singles and doubles.

Majority of the boys U16 players are seeing action in the U18 singles with Villanueva, Tudela, Kim, and Schorr earn-

ing semis seats after surviving last weekend's matches.

The four semifinalists could break into the U18 division rankings, which currently has

Carol Lee as the leader with her 1,000 points. Luther Lizama and Ramsey, who missed

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Shirley's, Kanoa in title hunt

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Shirley's Football Club and Kanoa FC remained in the title race for the girls U15 division of the 2016 NMIFA Youth Spring League after the contrasting results of their respective games last Saturday at the San Antonio Middle School Field.

Shirley's dominated Tan Holdings FC, 6-1, to retain the top spot in the team standings of the five-squad field. Jasmine Phan scored two goals, while Katrina

Costales, Katherine Magat, and Therize Millare added one apiece to give Shirley's an 8-0-1 win-draw-loss record.



Kanoa, on the other hand, forced a 2-2 draw against MP United, to keep the No. 2 spot with its 6-1-1 record. Britany Wally and Kristelle Itas nailed one goal apiece for Kanoa, which will play Shirley's in a crucial match tomorrow at 1:30pm.

A Kanoa win against Shirley's and another victory for

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ROSELYN B. MONROYO
A Shirley's FC player kicks the ball during their first round match against MP United in the girls U15 division of the NMIFA youth league at the San Antonio Middle School Field.

Falcons sluggers make Top 3 of batting race

EVANGELISTA



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The Falcons' Giovanni Mira and A.J. Evangelista barged into the Top 3 of the batting race in the 2016 Saipan Baseball League.

Mira leads 23 others who made it into the batting chart after averaging .556 in three games. He went 5-for-9 at bat and helped the Falcon gain a 2-1 record for a share of the No. 3 spot with defending champions GSM Brewers. The Chalan Kanoa Bears are in first place with their 4-0 mark, while Titanium is in second spot with its 3-0 card

as of April 20.

Evangelista is ranked third with his .500 batting average off his 5-for-10 performance at bat. The Brewers' Nokki Saralu holds the second spot with his batting average of .545 after going 6-for-11. Completing the Top 5 are Titanium's Patrick Tenorio (.500) and Blue Jays' Davie Matagolai (.467), who hit 5-for-10 and 7-for-15, respectively.

In other individual statistics, Bears players occupy the 1-2-3 spot in the runs race with Peyton Lizama having eight, Jose Lizama Jr. tallying seven, and A.J. Lizama and Henry Lizama getting six

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